



Guide to Services

For over 100 years, the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension has provided reliable information in a language anyone can understand. *Our mission is to extend lifelong learning to Georgia citizens through unbiased, research-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth and families.* Utilize some of our testing services, check out Georgia 4-H, become a “Master Gardener”, or simply learn more about agriculture, your family, food and finances, and many other points of interest from the University of Georgia’s research in Athens and other areas at your local UGA Extension office.

Soil Testing (Recommendations for your crops, pastures, flowers, plants, fruits, veggie’s, lawn, garden, trees, etc.)

Cost: \$9.00 per bag and includes U.S. Post Office postage. Pick up a soil sample bag and instructions at the office and bring it back by Friday morning along with your payment. We ship to the SPW lab in Athens most every Friday.

Water Test (Mineral Content – Tested at the SPW Lab in Athens)

Cost: \$20 (Does not include U.S. Post Office postage.) Taking a sample and shipping is **not** time sensitive. This test can be done any time.
Test includes: pH and Hardness, Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K), Calcium (Ca), Aluminum (Al), Boron (B), Chromium (Cr), Copper (Cu), Iron (Fe), Magnesium (Mg), Manganese (Mn), Molybdenum (Mo), Nickel (Ni), Silica (SiO₂), Sodium (Na), and Zinc (Zn).

Water Test (Bacteria Content – Tested at the FEW Lab in Athens)

Cost: \$46 and includes overnight shipping for this “time sensitive” bacteria (Total Coliform and *E.coli*) test. Taking a sample and shipping **is** time sensitive. This test **can only be done on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays**, except holidays, and **requires drawing the water and sending it the same day**.

Poultry Litter (Nutrient Management Planning Test – Tested at the SPW Lab in Athens)

Cost: \$3 which is for postage (U.S. Post Office.) Routine test is free. Bring a quart of litter representing the entire farm in a gallon sized plastic, zip-lock bag to the office.

Feed and Forage (Various Testing Available – Tested at the SPW Lab in Athens)

Cost: \$15 - \$40+ plus \$3 postage (U.S. Post Office.) A gallon sized plastic, zip-lock bag of material is required. Testing may include NIR, nitrates or minerals.

Radon Test Kit (Measures level of radon in your home and/or well water.)

Cost: \$10.00 per Kit for Home; \$40.00 per Kit for Well Water

Ask about our 4-H and FACS programs. The UGA Extension office in Gilmer County has a 4-H AmeriCorps Member and SNAP-Ed Program Assistant.

Staff, Gilmer County Office:

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* Dianne Lassiter, County Secretary	(Email: diannel@uga.edu)

We're Here To Help

Contact one of our staff in Gilmer County or call 1-800-ASK-UGA1 to find out how our team can assist you.

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