Guide to Services

For over 100 years, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension has provided free, reliable, research-based information based on the latest scientific research in language that anyone can understand. Our experts deliver information via programs and workshops, field days, blogs, newsletters and mass media, phone call and in-person consultations, and print and online publications. Want to know more? Browse our publications or our programs and services online at www.ugaextension.com where you can also browse our event calendar for a listing of national, statewide and local events. We offer a wealth of personalized services like workshops, classes, consultations, certifications, camps and educator resources. Extension was started as a way to bring agricultural research to farmers, and that's still a lot of what we do. But did you know that we also provide information for teachers, home owners, lawn care workers, and families? Who better knows how to help than someone close by? UGA Extension has personnel in all 159 Georgia counties. Our team of agents, specialists, and trained volunteers are here to take your call. See below and reverse side.

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 NTR, nitrites or minerals.

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

Cost: $10.00 per Kit for Radon in the Air at Home; $40.00 per Kit for Radon in Well Water

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We're Here To Help

Contact one of our staff in Gilmer County to find out how our team can assist you.

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University of Georgia Cooperative Extension translates the science of everyday living for families, farmers and communities to foster a healthy and prosperous Georgia.

AGRICULTURE

Our employees work side by side with farmers and agribusinesses to sustain Georgia's largest industry and economic driver. By improving growing systems, crop quality and efficiency, we help to increase the sustainability and profitability of farms, orchards and nurseries of all types and sizes.

Ask us about:
- Animals and livestock
- Field crops, forestry and turfgrass
- Fruits, vegetables and ornamentals
- Pesticide application and safety

GARDENING & THE ENVIRONMENT

Through education about pollinators, soil and water conservation, wildlife and disaster recovery, we help make the most of our natural resources, promoting responsible stewardship and establishing best practices. We provide resources to help control invasive species, reduce pollution and conserve energy in farms, businesses and households. Our trained Master Gardener Extension Volunteers assist agents in answering home gardening questions.

We can help with:
- Improving sustainable practices
- Conserving natural resources
- Limiting weeds, diseases and pests
- Environmental testing and diagnostics

FOOD & WELLNESS

Our experts provide information and demonstrations to educate agribusinesses, consumers and restaurants in food safety from farm to fork. We coordinate Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), which teach healthy nutrition habits and help stretch food dollars (learn more at foodtalk.org).

Find expert guidance on:
- Commercial and home food safety
- Food preservation
- Preventing obesity and chronic disease
- Improving overall nutrition and wellness

HOME, FAMILY & FINANCES

From buying a house to planning for retirement, we're here to provide individuals, families, parents and guardians the tools needed to make informed life decisions and create healthy habits and environments.

Our programming includes:
- Personal financial planning
- Safe housing and home environments
- Healthy relationships
- Early childhood development

How to join:
4-H membership and club meetings are free, and students may join through a UGA Extension county office. Programs and events may have associated fees, which may be partially or fully-covered by fundraising or scholarships. Registration for all local and statewide events is completed through county 4-H staff.

Georgia 4-H offers:
- Conferences and summer camp programs
- Project achievement demonstrations
- K-12 environmental education programs at six unique 4-H facilities across the state
- Judging events and competitions
- Local, district and state officer leadership opportunities

Visit georgia4h.org to learn more about our programs and events.

UGA Extension is

Local, offering programs and services in every county.

Personal, employing experts who strive to deliver excellent service.

Results-driven, recognizing that goals and evaluations are critical to our programs.

Collaborative, bringing community organizations and the public together.

Science-based, distributing the latest research from UGA and other verified sources.

Multigenerational, providing resources that cater to every age and stage of life.