



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, consultation, 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: W1 Basic is \$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 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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We Deliver Programs Through Three (3) Main Program Areas

1. Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR)

Goods and services related to Georgia's agriculture and natural resources affect each of the state's communities every day. Agriculture is Georgia's largest industry, with \$74 billion of direct and indirect economic impact. More than 411,000 Georgia jobs are involved directly in commodity or food- and fiber-related industries. UGA Extension faculty and staff play a key role in the success of this industry by sharing university-based research for Georgians use on the farm and at home.

Recommendations in areas including soil fertility, pest management, plant and crop varieties, water quality, and herd health and management focus on maximizing production and profits while minimizing environmental impacts. Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension agents also provide homeowners and communities with information on lawn care, landscaping, gardening, and water conservation through a variety of workshops. Some agents also work with schools on projects like community gardens and farm-to-school programs. Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteers give thousands of hours of service to their communities by answering questions in county offices and creating educational opportunities.

2. Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS)

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension specialists, agents, and staff assist in addressing real-life issues faced by Georgians of all ages. They provide programs and the latest information on obesity, chronic disease, food and financial insecurity, family stresses, unhealthy housing, food safety and preservation, nutrition, and more. To help promote the positive development and safety of preschool, school-aged, and adolescent youth, UGA Extension offers resources for parents, caregivers, and others. Extension professionals in this program area lead consumer economics trainings and programs such as ServSafe®, Relationship Smarts, and PRIDE, a parent and teen driving education course. Extension also promotes healthy lifestyles through statewide programs. Walk Georgia – a virtual, fitness-tracking resource – encourages improving physical fitness and healthy lifestyles in order to better the lives of Georgians. Other health programs managed by UGA include the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed). These classes teach families how to stretch their food dollars, eat healthier meals and snacks, and reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses.

3. 4-H Youth Development (4-H)

As the youth development program of UGA Extension, 4-H is also part of a national network. Georgia 4-H reaches more than 170,000 fourth- through 12th-grade students across the state and helps students develop the knowledge, life skills, and attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. This mission is fulfilled through hands-on learning experiences in agricultural and environmental awareness, leadership, communication skills, citizenship, energy conservation, health, and food and nutrition.

Georgia 4-H'ers are well known for sharing their knowledge and volunteering throughout their communities. At the school and county levels, students participate in club meetings organized by 4-H Youth Development Extension agents. At the state level, students participate in competitions, summer camps, and conferences. Some 4-H competitions and events are also offered at the regional and national levels. Research indicates that, as a result of participating in 4-H, members are more engaged in their academic studies, less likely to be involved in risky behavior, and more likely to graduate from high school and continue their education.

Opportunity for All

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