

Instructions for Know Your Soils Workshop

March 6, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Borst Park Kitchen No.1, Centralia, WA

1. Prepare a soil sample as though you were going to send it to a laboratory for testing but bring it to the workshop with you. Follow the instructions in the Oregon State University Extension Bulletin, http://lewis-mg-mrc.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/SoilSamplingEC628E.71113642.pdf for how to collect a soil sample. Do this as soon as possible. Bring the soil inside and spread it out on newspapers or plastic to let it dry then remove roots, rocks, etc.
2. Bring 1 quart of dry soil in a clear, canning jar plus a second clear jar with water and soil for the "Soil Evaluation in a Jar" as instructed below.
3. Mark a line at the soil level in the jar and add 1 tablespoon of dry dish soap to the jar to help separate the soil in the water.
4. Bring a bucket or plastic shoebox to contain the soil while testing it in class. Be prepared to get dirty so don't wear good clothing.
5. Using the "Soil Evaluation in a Jar" instructions attached, collect native, unamended soil from your yard (mole hill soil is perfect). Carefully follow the directions. Bring the jar to class with you (avoid jostling the jar as much as possible so the mixture isn't disturbed).

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