Guidelines

Liquids: For most tests, 4 ounces of liquid is sufficient. Send it in a plastic bottle, using electrical tape to seal the cap.

Granular: We can accurately reduce samples that are less than 2 liters (approx. 2 quart) volume with a sample splitter. For most tests, 1/2 lb of product is sufficient. Send it in a soil bag or doubled ziploc bag, making sure that the identification numbers are clear and won't rub off in transit.

Limestone: For most tests, 1/2 lb of limestone is sufficient. Send it in a soil bag or doubled ziploc bag, making sure that the identification numbers are clear and won't rub off in transit.

Gypsum: Identify these samples as gypsum to make sure that the sample isn't mistaken for liming material and dried.

Please refer to the following references for detailed procedures for sampling fertilizers:

Liquids: AOAC 969.01 or TFI (The Fertilizer Institute) 1.B

Ammonia Solutions: AOAC 959.01 or TFI 1.A

Granular: AOAC 929.01 or TFI 1.C

Limestone: AOAC 924.01