

# *“Solutions for a happier lawn and garden”*



## **FALL IS THE PERFECT TIME TO LIME**

Just because you can't see it, does not mean it is not important. pH is probably the most significant soil factor in growing grass, flowers, and veggies. Do you know your soil pH? If you do, your yard will be very proud of you. If you do not, you need to come down to Van Wilgen's Garden Center, get one of our many soil testing kits, bring a soil sample to Stacey at the Solution Center to test or head down to the Connecticut Agricultural Station in New Haven. They can test your Nitrogen, Phosphorus and pH balance there.

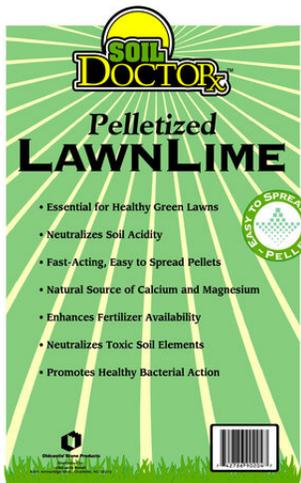
What is pH? Why is it so important? Think of soil pH as a chemical balance in the soil. If it is out of whack, nothing grows as well as it should. In general, Connecticut soil leans toward the low end of the pH scale, making our soil acidic or "sour". The more sour our soil is, the more your plants struggle. Who likes a sour-puss anyway?

Once you determine your soil pH, we can help. If you measure a 7.0, you are in luck because your soil is neutral and you need not do a thing! Below 7.0? Here is what you need to do...apply Lime! Fall is almost here and is one of the best times to apply Lime. It has all winter to work its' magic. Van Wilgen's offers Fast Acting Lime by Encap and Soil Doctor's Pelletized Lime. Both are great solutions but I prefer the slower acting Lime by Soil Doctor for the Fall. It takes its sweet time, breaking down under the snow, and is more available in the Spring.

Think of your lawn and garden as having a bad sweet tooth. It needs a sweeter soil to thrive. If your soil is sour, raise it up with a Lime application. You will have a happier lawn next Spring and I know that will make you smile.

Come see us at Van Wilgen's Garden Center. We would love to help!

Thanks a bunch...Stacey





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