

## File: Testing Labs list - Updated June 23, 2024 – Verified Soil Testing laboratories

### San Diego County Agricultural Weights & Measures – Verified 6/6/23

No longer offer testing services or soil nutrient analysis for SD County residents

They suggest use of the appropriate probe to self-test for pH

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#### A&L Western Agricultural Laboratories

1311 Woodland Ave

Modesto, CA 95351

PH: (209)529-4080

WEBSITE: <https://al-labs-west.com/>

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### VERT ENVIRONMENTAL – Verified 6/6/23

#### San Diego Branch

8316 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

Suite 206, San Diego, CA 92111

Tel: (858) 433-3290

Email: [testing@vertenviro.com](mailto:testing@vertenviro.com)

WEBSITE: <https://vertenviro.com/> then Services > Soil Testing

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### Waypoint Analytical California, Inc. – Verified 6/6/23

4741 E Hunter Ave., Suite A

Anaheim, CA 92807

Phone: 714.282.8777

Support: [supportca@waypointanalytical.com](mailto:supportca@waypointanalytical.com)

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SELF-Testing: Test kits online and testing

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### San Diego Seed Company – Verified 6/6/2023

Phone: (858) 203-1273 (you may have to leave a message for call back, or email them at:

Email: [info@sandiegoseedcompany.com](mailto:info@sandiegoseedcompany.com)

WEBSITE: <https://sandiegoseedcompany.com/product/tools-and-merchandise/laboratory-soil-testing/>

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### From the UCANR website: Soil testing information

Soil testing can provide information on your soil's texture, pH, salinity and the level of essential plant nutrients and fertility. This information may be very useful if you are starting a new garden in an area where plants have not been grown before.

Soil testing may also help you find out why plants are not growing well in an existing garden. A soil test is not always necessary, however, and it will not tell you if poor plant growth is caused by pests or diseases, improper irrigation, or poor cultural practices, such as planting at the wrong time of year.

One of the most useful soil tests is the measurement of soil pH. The test will tell you if your soil is too alkaline or acidic and if corrective measures are needed. A lab can measure soil pH for you or you can do it yourself. A simple pH meter and test kit are available at local nurseries or from mail order companies.

You will only get good information from a soil test if you collect a good sample. To collect soil for testing, dig a small hole 6-8 inches deep with a trowel and collect a thin slice of soil from one side of the hole. Put the soil in a bucket and collect more samples from several locations in the garden. Mix the samples together to produce a representative sample from your garden. If you use a commercial testing lab, ask if they will provide a report to help you interpret the results of your soil test. Also ask if they provide recommendations on how to correct soil problems.