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Learn to Read Your Garden Soil Test Results on March 23rd

Free Seed, Sow & Grow program hosted by Boston Natural Areas Network

BOSTON, MA, March 12, 2010 – Understanding your soil is fundamental to the quality, safety, and performance of your garden. Sampling and testing your soil is one thing; knowing how to read the results of those tests is another thing entirely. Becoming familiar with soil test results and interpretation will help you maximize your garden experience.

In its ongoing role as a resource to Boston's 10,000 community gardeners, Boston Natural Areas Network is offering a special free program, **Soil Test Interpretation**, on Tuesday, March 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. as part of its *Seed, Sow & Grow* horticultural series. The program will be held at BNAN's office, 62 Summer Street in Boston (reachable by public transportation). Tom Akin, Conservation Agronomist for the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service will present this program.

So, you've had your garden soil tested – what next? Learn to read a soil test report and develop a plan to improve your soil. Tom Akin will point out local testing resources for home and community gardeners as well as how to use soil amendments to improve the health and productivity of your garden.

The *Seed, Sow & Grow* horticultural series is free and open to the public and presented February through October by BNAN staff, outside professionals, and graduates of BNAN's Master Urban Gardener program. For a schedule of *Seed, Sow & Grow* workshops, call BNAN at 617-542-7696 or visit www.bostonnatural.org.

Boston Natural Areas Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing together local residents, partner organizations, public officials and foundations to preserve, expand and enhance urban open space, including community gardens, greenways and urban wilds. For further information about the organization, becoming a member or the calendar of events, visit www.bostonnatural.org, or call 617-542-7696.

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