

## How Do I Acidify Soil?

Q: The blueberries and haskaps I planted last fall are not thriving. I tried to acidify the soil by spreading camelia food and mulching with long needle pine. Any suggestions? I tried the DIY soil test for acidity with vinegar then baking soda. Results looked like the soil was acid. Where can I get a thorough soil test done?

A: Haskaps need enough sunlight and proper fertilizer. Are there enough blueberry and haskap plants nearby to pollinate them? This is important for them to thrive.

Certain varieties of blueberries can be finnickly about the soil in which they are planted. You are on the right track with getting an "official" soil sample. Once you have the results of your samples, the Extension office agent can help you determine the right type and amount of fertilizer you need to get your blueberries healthy and your haskaps thriving.

Your county UT Extension office agent can provide you with containers for a soil sample along with directions for correct sampling.

Happy gardening!