

Reason for Credential: Pursuant to s. 145.045, Stats., no person may conduct soil evaluations relative to the discharge or disposal of liquid domestic wastes into the soil unless the person holds a credential issued by the department as a certified soil tester.

Requirements of Credential: A certified soil tester who, as either an employee of a local governmental unit or under contract to a local governmental unit, is responsible for administering regulations governing private onsite wastewater treatment systems may not provide soil evaluations relative to the design, installation or maintenance of private onsite wastewater treatment systems within the boundaries of the local governmental unit.

A person who holds the credential shall carry on his or her person the credential issued by the department while performing or conducting the activity or activities permitted under the credential.

Qualifications for Examination: In order to qualify to take the soil tester certification examination the applicant must be at least 18 years old.

Fill in the applicant's birth date (month/day/year, example 04/02/60):

This is a two-part exam. A score of at least 70% must be obtained for each part. The exam will cover basic soil science information and code requirements contained in chapters Comm 5 and Comm 82-87, Wisconsin Administrative Code. The exam is open book. Copies of current code books may be obtained from Document Sales @ (608) 266-3358 or @ (800) 362-7253.

When there is a change to Wisconsin Administrative Codes, exams will cover the new code one month after the effective date. Current code development projects can be viewed here: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-CodeDevelopment.html>

Additional training materials relating to this credential are available and may also be ordered through Document Sales @ (608) 266-3358 or @ (800) 362-7253. They are intended to be training guides and may not match the current code.

SBD-9046-P	Soil & Site Evaluation Handbook
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NOTE: Use of a Munsell Color Book is required for the practical portion of the exam. Information on where to purchase this book is enclosed.

Exam Name: Soil Tester	This is a 4-hour exam
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To Schedule a 2010 exam:

- Choose a city and put a check mark behind the date you would like to take the exam.
- Record a telephone number where you can be reached during the day in case that exam is filled.
- Submit the **fee and this application to the division at least 30 days in advance of the exam date chosen**. Keep a copy of this application for your records.
- If special accommodations are needed, contact Safety and Buildings, 608-261-8467, prior to submitting your application.
- You will receive a letter from S&B when division staff processes your exam request.

Exams will no longer be offered at Saturday locations after December 13, 2009.

Select one: AM (Starts at 8 a.m.) or PM (Starts at 1 p.m.)

Pewaukee - Country Springs Hotel & Conference Center, 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee, WI 53072

January 26 February 24 March 17 April 21 May 25 June 22 July 21 August 25
September 8 October 29 November 24

Green Bay - Comfort Suites & Rock Garden Conference Center, 1951 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303

February 9 April 14 June 9 August 11 October 5 December 8

Tomah - Cranberry Country Lodge & Conference Center, 319 Wittig Road, Tomah, WI 54660

March 10 May 12 July 7 September 22 November 10

Education Hours Required to Renew: The renewal of a soil tester certification which expires after June 30, 2006, shall be contingent upon the person obtaining at least 12 hours of acceptable continuing education by March 30th of the year their

credential expires. People unable to attend lectures or seminars may obtain the necessary hours through correspondence courses. Correspondence courses must also be completed at least three months prior to the expiration date in order to avoid taking the exam. A person who holds a credential as a certified soil tester may apply to the department for waiver of the continuing education requirements on the grounds of prolonged illness or disability or similar circumstances. Each application for waiver shall be considered individually on its merits by the department. The Wisconsin Construction Codes Report may contain advertisements for courses, lectures or seminars which will count towards continuing education for a soil tester certification. The WCCR is available by subscription or on the Commerce website at: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-DivPublications.html>.

SOURCES FOR SOIL COLOR CHARTS AND TEXTURE KITS

Soil Color Charts:

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| 1. | Ben Meadows Company
3589 Broad St. – PO Box 80549
Atlanta, GA 30366 | E-mail: mail@benmeadows.com
Phone: 1-800-241-6401 |
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Munsell Guide (includes GLEY charts)..... \$112.00

Cat. No. 221900

Single pages from Soil Color Book (e.g., 10YR, 5YR) \$16.50

Replacement GLEY Charts Cat. No. 221935.....\$43.20

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| 2. | Forestry Suppliers, Inc.
PO Box 8397
Jackson, MS 39284-8397 | Phone: 1-800-647-5368 |
| | #77341 Soil Color Charts (8) (7" binder-includes GLEY charts) | \$105.00 |
| | (10 or more in one order is \$95.50 each) | |
| | #77344 GLEY Charts (2 pages) | \$ 39.50 |
| | Individual Replacement Pages | \$ 16.50 |
| 3. | NASCO
901 Janesville Ave.
Ft. Atkinson, WI 53538 | Phone: 1-800-558-9595 |
| | Munsell Soil Color Charts (7) No. C09037N | \$ 184.50 |
| | (7" binder includes GLEY Charts) | |

Soil Texture Kits:

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| 1. | Crops and Soils Club
Department of Plant & Earth Science
University of WI – River Falls
410 South Third St.
River Falls, WI 54022-5001 | Phone: 715-425-3395 |
| | A. Texture kit contains 10 large soil samples featuring differing soil textures and 1 sand size card. The sand cards contain samples of USDA vfs, fs, s, cos, vcos mounted on a 4 1/2 x 7 1/4 6-hole punch card. Also included are a soil textural triangle and a listing of percentages of clay, sand, and silt. These kits are helpful in developing your ability to determine textural class by feel. The cost of the kit is \$39.99 plus \$10 shipping and handling. Make check payable to Crops and Soils Club and send to the above address. | |
| | B. Separate sand size cards can be purchased for \$9.99 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. | |
| 2. | University of Wisconsin – Platteville
Soil Conservation and Agronomy Club
Ullrich Hall
Platteville, WI 53818 | Phone: 608-342-1388
Note: Orders by mail |
| | ■ A set of the most common textural classes in the Midwest is included. These textural samples will provide a valuable training aid in soil judging activities. The samples will be shipped in a 3 x 3 x 6-inch carton. Price per complete set (10) is \$18.00. Samples of any one texture are \$2.00 each | |