

## 3-in-1 Garden Meter model 01413



### Getting Started

- Remove any stones, leaves, twigs or other debris near the test area.
- Insert the probe to a test depth of 5 in (12.7 cm).
- Leave the probe inserted for about 1 minute for the meter to stabilize its readings.
- Repeat these steps in an additional test area to confirm the accuracy of your readings.

### Soil Types and Watering Information

#### Loam Soil:

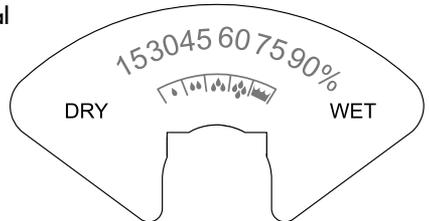
Very porous and retains moisture well. This is the optimal soil type and can be watered normally.

#### Sandy Soil:

Extremely porous and drains quickly. Water slowly to saturate soil root zones.

#### Clay Soil:

Holds more water, but is slow to absorb and release. Do not water faster than the soil can absorb it.



**SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

# General Soil Moisture Information & Tips

- If you have sandy or very heavy clay soils and would like to improve its water retention, add compost or organic matter to your soil.
- Adding sand to clay soils, or clay to sandy soils will create a cement-like soil, making water retention worse.
- One inch of water per week is adequate for most plants. You may use a rain gauge to assist (not included; sold separately).

## Recommended Soil Moisture Levels

The plants listed in this guide represent commonly found species. Consult a local horticulture professional for more specific details on plants not found on this list.  
**NOTE:** All vegetables require soil moisture between 41% - 80%.

	<b>TOLERATES EXTREMELY DRY SOIL</b>
	<b>TOLERATES DRY / WELL DRAINED SOIL</b>
	<b>TOLERATES MOIST SOIL</b>
	<b>TOLERATES WET SOIL</b>

Flowers	0% - 20%	21% - 40%	41% - 60%	61% - 80%
Agave	•			
Aster		•		
Astilbe		•		
Big Blue Stem		•		
Bleeding Heart		•		
Butterfly Weed			•	
Cactus	•			
Catmint		•		
Christmas Fern		•		
Coneflower		•		
Daffodil		•		
Dalia			•	
Daylily			•	
Gaillardia		•		
Heaths/Heathers		•		
Hellebores			•	
Hosta			•	
Hyssop		•		
Iris		•		
Ironweed		•		
Jack In Pulpits		•		
Joe-Pye Weed			•	
Lavender		•		
Lemon Balm		•		
Lily			•	
Lobelia				•
Lupine		•		
Marigold		•		
Marsh Marigold			•	
May Apple			•	
Meadow Rue			•	
Nonarda		•		
Ornamental Grasses		•		
Penstemon		•		
Peony			•	
Petunia		•		
Poppy (general)		•		
Purple Coneflower		•		
Queen of the Prairie			•	
Red Milkweed			•	
Sedges			•	
Sedum	•	•		
Sod/Turfgrass		•		
Pansy		•		
Tulip		•		
Violet			•	
Yarrow	•			
Yucca	•			
Zinnia		•		

Trees & Shrubs	0% - 20%	21% - 40%	41% - 60%	61% - 80%
Alpine Currant		•		
American Filbert		•		
American Holly		•		
Amur Privet		•		
Arborvitae		•		
Azaleas		•		
Bald Cypress			•	
Barberry		•		
Bayberry			•	
Birch		•		
Black Tupelo		•		
Chinese Juniper		•		
Clematis		•		
Common Boxwood		•		
Common Elderberry		•		
Common Lilac		•		
Cotoneaster		•		
Crab Apple		•		
Crape Myrtle		•		
Dawn Redwood		•		•
Dogwood		•		•
Eastern Red Cedar		•		
Elderberry		•		•
Elm		•		
Frazier Fir		•		
Gardenia		•		
Ginkgo		•		
Hawthorn		•		
Holly		•		
Honey Locust		•		
Horse Chestnut		•		
Hydragea			•	
Juniper		•		
Lilac		•		
Maple (general)		•		
Mockorange		•		
New Jersey Tea		•		
Oaks (general)		•		
Ohio Buckeye		•		
Potentilla	•	•		
Red Cedar		•		
Red Twig Dogwood		•		
Rhodendron		•		
Roses		•		
Rugosa rose	•	•		
Saucer magnolia		•		
Serviceberry		•		
Silver Maple		•		

Trees & Shrubs <small>continued</small>	0% - 20%	21% - 40%	41% - 60%	61% - 80%
Spruce		•		
Sugar Maple		•		
Swamp White Oak			•	
Sweetshrub			•	
Tamarac/Larch			•	
White Fir		•		
White Pine		•		
Willow		•		

Fruits	0% - 20%	21% - 40%	41% - 60%	61% - 80%
Apple		•	•	
Grapes		•	•	
Fig		•	•	
Pear		•	•	
Peach		•	•	
Pear		•	•	
Raspberry		•	•	
Strawberry		•	•	
Blackberry		•	•	
Blueberry		•	•	
Cranberry				•

# General Soil pH Information & Tips

The pH of soil directly affects nutrient availability to plants. Plants thrive in different soil pH ranges, but readings outside 4 to 8 are uncommon. Some plant species are tolerant of wider pH ranges, but most prefer a neutral soil with pH levels falling within the 6 to 7 range.

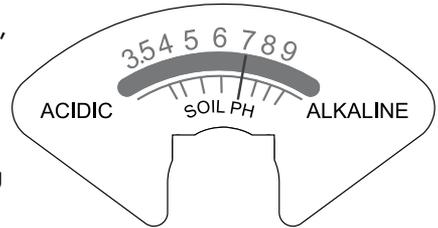
7.1-8.0	ALKALINE SOIL
6.1-7.0	NEUTRAL SOIL
4.5-6.0	LOW ACID SOIL
3.5-4.4	ACIDIC SOIL

## Increasing Soil pH

A common practice is to apply finely ground agricultural limestone. Depending on your soil type, different amounts of limestone will be required to adjust the soil pH value.

## Decreasing Soil pH

Adding organic material such as highly acidic sphagnum peat moss will lower soil pH. Introducing elemental sulfur (90 or 99% sulfur material) or acidifying fertilizers such as ammonium sulfate with repeated use can also reduce soil pH.



# Recommended Soil pH Ranges

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Flowers	PH			
	3.5 - 4.4	4.5 - 6.0	6.1 - 7.0	7.1 - 8.0
Agave			•	
Aster			•	
Astilbe			•	
Big Blue Stem			•	
Bleeding Heart			•	
Butterfly Weed			•	
Cactus		•		
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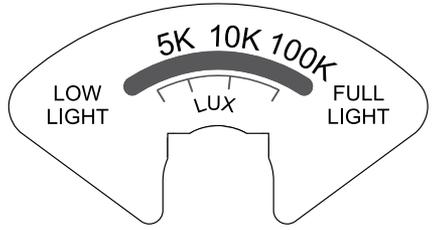
  

Vegetables	PH			
	3.5 - 4.4	4.5 - 6.0	6.1 - 7.0	7.1 - 8.0
Asparagus			•	
Basil			•	
Beans			•	
Beets			•	•
Broccoli			•	
Brussels sprout			•	
Cabbage			•	•
Carrot			•	
Cauliflower			•	
Celery			•	•
Chard			•	
Chives			•	
Cilantro			•	
Corn			•	
Cucumber			•	
Dry bean			•	
Eggplant			•	
Fennel			•	
Fennel			•	
Garlic			•	
Green Peppers			•	
Horseradish			•	
Kale			•	
Leafy Greens			•	
Leek			•	
Lemon Balm			•	
Lettuce			•	•
Lima bean			•	
Mint			•	
Muskmelon/Cantaloupe			•	
Onion			•	
Oregano			•	
Parsley			•	
Pea			•	
Pepper			•	
Potato			•	
Pumpkin			•	
Radish			•	
Rosemary			•	
Rutabaga			•	
Sage			•	
Snap bean			•	
Soybean			•	
Spinach			•	
Summer squash			•	
Thyme			•	
Tomato			•	
Watermelon			•	
Winter squash			•	

# General UV Information & Tips

UV light is measured in lux (lumen/sq. meter) and directly affects your plant's ability to grow.

Plants thrive in different lux ranges, but most plants require between 5k and 100k lux per day in order to convert the UV light energy into food, a process known as photosynthesis.



## Recommended UV Ranges

If you are unsure what kind of light your plants require, consult a local horticulture professional for details.

5,000-10,000 lux	10,000-20,000 lux	20,000-45,000 lux	> 45,000 lux
Low light intensity; good for shade-loving plants.	Bright but indirect light intensity; good for many types of plants that require indirect sunlight.	Bright light; appropriate for plants that require good, strong light intensity.	Strong direct sunlight; good for plants with high light requirements.

## IMPORTANT

PRODUCT MUST BE REGISTERED TO RECEIVE WARRANTY SERVICE

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