



Insect Identification Sample Submission Diagnostic Sheet

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

- Please check all that apply:**
- Insects found on:
- Tree or Shrub
 - Herbaceous Ornamental Plants
 - Vegetables
 - Turf
 - Fruits
 - Houseplants
 - Outdoors, not on a plant
 - Indoors
 - Where _____
 - Quantity found _____

If insect(s) is/are on a plant please specify what kind (ie maple tree, cucumber, etc)

Description of problem -

An invoice in the amount of \$15.00 per sample will be sent with your report or you may pay in advance. Make checks payable to University of Connecticut.

Diagnostic fees are currently covered by a USDA NIFA CPPM grant for Connecticut commercial growers.

Packaging and collection tips on second page.

PREPARATION AND SHIPPING OF PLANT/INSECT SAMPLES FOR DIAGNOSIS

1. **Ship fresh plant material** with insect damage that is not dried out, dead or decaying. **Do not** ship live insects or arthropods. Crushed insects and insects stuck to clear tape are unidentifiable. Place insects in freezer to kill them. Preserve soft-bodied insects in a leak-proof vial of alcohol.
2. If the **root system** is included, place a **plastic bag** around it and secure with a twist tie or rubber band to keep soil off the leaves/stems.
3. Place the entire sample into a **sealed plastic bag**. A DRY paper towel can be wrapped around the plant to absorb excess moisture and prevent the plant from sticking to the plastic. NEVER add water to the sample for shipment.
4. Ship in a **crush-proof container** such as a box. Insects will be crushed by mail machines if sent in a plain envelope.
5. It is best not to ship over a weekend or holiday to minimize the time the sample is in transit.
6. **Diagnostic fees:** \$15.00 each for disease or insect or plant ID. Make check payable to University of Connecticut.
7. Include a copy of the **Sample Submission Diagnostic Sheet** with sample.
8. **Mail to:**
UConn Plant Diagnostic Lab
1380 Storrs Road, Unit 4115
Storrs, CT, 06269-4115