

Plant Pathology Diagnostic Sample Form

1. Client Information

<input type="checkbox"/> Grower <input type="checkbox"/> Nurseryman <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaper <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Lab		Record Number: → (Assigned by Plant Path Lab)	
Address:		Contact Person:	
City, zip code:		Person submitting sample:	
Phone:		How was sample collected? <input type="checkbox"/> Site visit <input type="checkbox"/> Delivered <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Email address:			

2. Plant Information

Genus	Species	Varietal or Common Name

3. Signs, symptoms and site

Affected parts	Appearance and symptoms	Distribution	Site		
entire plant	blighted	one plant	nursery		tree farm
flowers	canker	% of plant	dealer		vineyard
fruit	decline	pockets / clusters	field / farm		greenhouse
seed	defoliation	scattered	forest		hydroponics
leaf / petiole	die-back	certain variety	garden		landscape
stem/branch	exudate / ooze	general	orchard		lawn/turf
trunk / crown	gall	heavy			
bulb / tuber	leaf spot	100%			
roots		unknown			

4. Background information

5. Drawing or image area

Date collected	/ /
Date received in lab	/ /
Date completed	/ /
Completed by	

Mail samples to:
 VDACS Plant Pathology Laboratory
 600 North 5th Street, Room 229
 Richmond, VA 23219
 (804)371-5086

Guide to Submitting Samples to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Plant Pathology Laboratory

A guide for Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer service (VDACS) employees, agricultural and green industry professionals

Provide the following information for each sample:

- Send or deliver all samples with a VDACS Plant Pathology Diagnostic Sample Form (first page of this form). Do your best to fill out the form completely.

Sample handling considerations:

- Double bag samples to limit the possibility of spreading diseases.
- Choose samples that have a margin of diseased and healthy tissue when possible. This makes it easier to detect and/or isolate potential causal agents.
- Store detached leaf, stems, roots, soil, potting media or whole plant samples in refrigerators or cool dark places until they are sent or delivered to lab. If a causal agent gets too warm it may die.
- Use your best judgment to prepare and pack samples so they are not too wet while in transit. Dab off water from excessively wet detached leaf, stem or root samples and ship with dry paper towels. Wet samples tend to become overtaken with secondary decomposers and bacteria while in transit.
- When in doubt call (804-371-5086) or email (Devin.Bily@vdacs.virginia.gov) the VDACS Plant Pathology Laboratory.

To mail a sample:

Use a mail carrier of your choice and send to the following address:

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To make alternative sample delivery plans:

If alternative arrangements need to be made for sample delivery due to sample size or for any other reason please call the VDACS Plant Pathology Laboratory at (804)371-5086 to make alternative delivery plans. Laboratory personnel will work with VDACS field staff and stakeholders to pick up samples in the field or to schedule a pickup at regional field offices. Stakeholders and VDACS staff can also drop off samples at the VDACS Plant Pathology Laboratory if they call and schedule an appointment in advance.