

Instructions for submitting Insect Sample:

- Insect should be in clear container (pill bottle type). Do not wrap in facial tissue, tape or cotton. Insects will no longer be accepted in alcohol/liquid.
- Freeze insect long enough to kill it (about an hour in freezer) Insect does not need to stay frozen.
- Crushed, damaged specimens are very difficult to identify.
- If possible, collect more than one insect for evaluation.
- All moths and butterflies must be kept dry and do not crush. Wings needed for id.

When you bring in the insect for ID, you will be asked to fill out a data sheet giving us additional information. We only accept samples from Maryland.

Some samples will need to be sent out of our office for ID purposes. We will try to get you a response as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Please visit our Home and Garden Information Center for some additional information and helpful publications.

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