

**Instructions for submitting plant sample:**

- Do not wrap in plastic or foil
- Sample should be brought in as soon as possible after being collected
- Press between two layers of paper, cardboard or newspaper
- Select a quality sample that is not completely dead.
- Sample should include healthy as well as symptomatic growth preferred
- Provide background information explaining the history of the plant and problem.
- Photos are helpful
- For ID sample-submit twigs, leaves AND fruit or seed if possible.
- NO Turf samples accepted-suggest taking to St. Mary's Extension or other county offices.

When you bring in the plant sample for ID or diagnosis, you will be asked to fill out a data sheet giving us additional information. We only accept samples from Maryland. Samples will need to be sent out of our office for ID and/or diagnosis 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. [www.hgic.umd.edu](http://www.hgic.umd.edu)

Questions you may be asked when dropping off sample:

- ✓ Any construction/digging around the area
- ✓ Any spraying locally or neighbors
- ✓ How long has this been going on?
- ✓ How much of plant/tree affected?
- ✓ If insects are suspected-did you treat with anything? What? When? Any other plants affected?

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