



## Stockbridge Technology Centre PLANT CLINIC SERVICES

Client Details		Consultant/Agent Details (if applicable)	
Name		Name	
Your ref.		Your ref.	
Company		Company	
Address		Address	
Postcode		Postcode	
Phone Mobile Fax Email		Phone Mobile Fax Email	

Report to be sent to: (please circle)	You the client	Consultant/Agent	Both	Other (specify)
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The Sample	
<b>Plant Type</b> – Genus, Species, variety/cultivar	
<b>Soil &amp; Compost</b>	Give sample details
<b>Water</b>	Give sample details
<b>Distribution of the problem</b> (% of crop affected)	
<b>Source of plant material/ Soil/compost/water</b> e.g. cutting, seed, storage etc.	
<b>Where is the crop grown?</b> e.g. protected, shaded, outdoors etc.	
<b>What are the symptoms?</b> Briefly describe the problem as you see it.	
<b>Pesticides applied?</b> Plus any other information, e.g. fertiliser application, soil/compost conditions etc.	

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## **SELECTING THE SAMPLES FOR EXAMINATION**

**Whatever the problem we will need to see as much of the plant/fruit/root as possible. Select samples that are affected but still alive, eg:**

**Leaf Spots** – select a number of characteristic leaves and press them between sheets of newspaper.

**Plants grown in containers** – send the whole plant still inside the pot or a whole tray.

**Plants growing in the field** – Dig up as much as possible of the plant keeping roots and the base of the plant intact (do not shake off the soil).

**Trees and very large plants** – Send as much of the plant as possible including twigs, fruit, flowers and roots. Bag them up separately.

**Turf** – Select a minimum of 4 cores (< > 10cm diameter and up to 10cm deep) from the edge of the affected area demonstrating both healthy and affected turf.

**Soil/Compost** – Send a minimum of 300g for each sample to be tested.

**Water** – Send a minimum of 500ml. Plastic drink bottles are ideal for sending water samples but ensure they are well rinsed out with un-chlorinated water or the sample water before filling.

## **SENDING THE SAMPLES**

**Samples can be sent by post, courier or dropped off directly at Stockbridge Technology Centre. In all cases it is important that samples arrive in excellent condition to enable accurate diagnosis, therefore please:**

- Select plant material immediately before sending to the clinic; if there is any delay then store in a cool place out of sunlight.
- Wrap the plant material in newspaper and pack in a strong padded envelope or box. If sending in a box then pad out with newspaper to restrict movement.
- Where possible pack the samples to avoid soil/compost contamination of the foliage. Wrap unwashed root samples in polythene bags.
- Fruit should be wrapped in dry paper and placed in a strong box to avoid crushing.
- Ensure all samples are clearly labelled.
- Complete the Plant Clinic form overleaf, place it in an envelope and send it with your sample.

**DO NOT SEND SAMPLES ON A FRIDAY UNLESS THEY ARE SURE TO ARRIVE  
BEFORE THE LABORATORY CLOSSES AT 5PM.**

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