

UConn Turfgrass Science Disease Submission

The procedures outlined below are for submission of turfgrass disease and pest samples from golf courses, athletic fields or other commercial turfgrass sites.

1. Always call **(860-486-6328) PRIOR TO SENDING** samples. The diagnostic center relies on the expertise of a limited number of trained individuals. In the event that these individuals will be out of the office for an extended period of time, samples will not be processed. A message will be updated daily which states whether the diagnostician will be available to receive samples.
2. Samples should be collected using a cup cutter (4" diameter). Plugs should be taken from the active edge of a diseased area and should contain approximately 50% healthy and 50% symptomatic turf. The sample should contain no more than a 2" depth of soil.
3. The diagnostic form should be completed in full to ensure that we have all of the available information necessary to make an accurate and rapid diagnosis. We have made the submission process easier by providing a submission sheet that can be filled out on your computer and submitted directly via email. You can also save a copy of the file with all of your contact information for easy submission of future samples.
4. Soil should be **WRAPPED** in a moist paper towel and then in aluminum foil to ensure that the soil does not mix with the foliage. Properly wrapped samples should be packed tightly in a sturdy box and sealed tight to prevent loss of soil.
5. Send **NEXT DAY delivery or HAND deliver**. Samples taking more than one day to arrive will likely be beyond the point of an accurate diagnosis. Samples arriving in poor condition will not be processed and the submitter will be asked to send a fresh sample. Samples should be sent to **ARRIVE ON MONDAY through THURSDAY** to ensure proper time for incubation. Walk-ins are welcome, but always call first.
6. Additional Information:
 - a. Fee Structure: \$50 for Connecticut Samples, \$100 for all out-of-state samples
 - b. U.S. Mailing Address:

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Two plugs exhibiting the same symptoms will be considered a single sample for submission and billing purposes. Please submit a separate diagnostic form for each sample that you would like to be diagnosed separately.

Submitted by _____

Last Name First Name Company

Address City State Zip Code County

Email (_____) Phone (_____) Fax

☐ Please send me email updates from the UConn Turfgrass Program including seasonal disease updates.

Preferred report and billing method: ☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Hard Copy

Bill to (leave blank if same) _____

Last Name First Name Company

Address City State Zip Code County

Email (_____) Phone (_____) Fax

Site information _____

Turf Species Variety Established (month/year)

Turf Use (check one): ☐ Green ☐ Fairway ☐ Tee ☐ Rough ☐ Other _____

Mowing (check one): ☐ Rotary ☐ Reel _____ Height (inches) Frequency (per week)

When did symptoms appear?

Describe Symptoms (send pictures to john.inguagiato@uconn.edu)

List recent pesticide applications.

Official Use Only

Sample # _____

Rec'd _____

Complete _____

Billed _____

Total _____

☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Mail