

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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