

SAMPLING AND SUBMISSION PROTOCOLS TO THE PLANT DISEASE DIAGNOSTICS CLINIC

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The Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic (PDDC) provides plant disease identification and control recommendations for agricultural producers, homeowners and businesses in Wisconsin. Housed in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the PDDC is jointly sponsored by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the UW-Madison and University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Samples submitted to the PDDC are analyzed by clinic staff using a variety of techniques, and clients are provided with a written report outlining the cause of the disease or injury in question and management recommendations where appropriate. The PDDC charges a small fee for sample processing, with fees ranging from \$15-20 for basic plant samples to \$50-60 for certain soil assays. Samples can be submitted through any county UW-Extension office or directly to the PDDC. The PDDC mailing address is:

Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic
Department of Plant Pathology
University of Wisconsin-Madison
1630 Linden Drive
Madison, WI 53706-1598

The PDDC also provides a walk-in service where samples can be dropped on off weekdays between 6:30 am and 5 pm except for UW-Madison holidays. The PDDC is also open on Saturdays between 8 am and noon from June 1 through August 31. PDDC staff is typically available for consultations most weekdays between 8 am and 4:30 pm.

Complete details on how to collect samples, how to submit samples, and PDDC fees are available at the PDDC web site www.plantpath.wisc.edu/pddc including an electronic, downloadable version of the PDDC brochure. Hardcopies of the PDDC brochure are available at most county UW-Extension offices, or directly from the PDDC. If you would like to order brochures directly, feel free to write Brian Hudelson, the PDDC director, care of the address above, email him at bdh@plantpath.wisc.edu or phone him at (608) 262-2863.

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