INSECT DIAGNOSTIC REQUEST

Date Sent____________________
Date received________________
AD#________________________

Please send samples to address on back.

Sender's Name ___________________________________ Phone (daytime) __________________

Company/Organization Name_________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________ County __________________________

City _________________________________ State _______ Zip ____________________________

Email ______________________________

1. Where found (plant, crop, kitchen, etc.):__________________ Date collected _________________

2. (Check one) Commercial planting or location: _____   Non-commercial planting or location: ______

3. Area affected____________________________________________________________________

4. Percentage of area/plants affected___________________________________________________

5. Pest is a:             nuisance ________           causing damage ________           a curiosity ________

6. Damage is:         extreme ________     serious ________      moderate ________     light ________

7. Plant parts attacked:  leaves ________    stems ________     roots ________   terminals ________

8. Has control been attempted?  If you used a chemical, please indicate product name and date of
application.


Diagnosis: (Do not write in this space-for official lab use only)

Diagnosis by: _____________________________ Date reply: ____________________________
Insect Specimens for Identification

Preparing Specimens for Shipment:

- Put specimens inside a small, squash-proof container (vial, Tupperware), then into a box or strong envelope with padding and/or packing material.
- If the insect is abundant, send more than one individual (up to 5).
- Place insects in the freezer overnight to kill them before shipping.
- Hard-bodied insects, like beetles, flies, butterflies and wasps should be gently placed in layers of tissue paper and then packaged in a squash-proof container.
- Soft-bodied insects (grubs, caterpillars, mites) and spiders will lose their coloring very quickly after death. These should be sent in as quickly as possible, after freezing overnight in a paper towel to absorb moisture after they thaw.
- Large soft-bodied insects require additional preparation. Place specimen in boiling water for 30 seconds and then wrap in tissue paper or a paper towel before shipping in a container. Note the original color of the specimen on the information sheet.
- Plant Pests: If large plant specimens are to be shipped with the insects:
  - Send as much of the plant as possible. Wrap the plant material in paper towels and place it in a plastic bag with holes.
  - Wrap plant roots in a plastic bag to prevent their drying out.
- Ship specimens immediately!
- Fill out the INSECT IDENTIFICATION FORM on reverse side completely!

SEND YOUR PACKAGE TO:

NYSDEC Forest Health Diagnostic Laboratory
Attn: Jessica Cancelliere
108 Game Farm Road
Delmar, NY 12054

Thank you for your participation!

Information on this page taken from Cornell University Insect Diagnostic Lab webpage, url: http://entomology.cornell.edu/cals/entomology/extension/idl/
And the WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center, url: http://www.puyallup.wsu.edu/plantclinic/samples/id.html