

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department County of Los Angeles

Specimen Submission Form Plant Disease Diagnosis or Plant/Mushroom Identification

To diagnose plant disease(s) we need a sample of the plant parts that are infected or symptomatic. In many cases a root sample may also be needed. Cut a 6 to 12-inch piece of the infected foliage off of the plant and place in a zip-lock bag. Fold the stem in half to fit in the bag.

When submitting roots, collect a small handful of fine feeder roots from 3 to 6 inches below the surface of the soil. Shake the soil from the roots and place in a zip-lock bag.

When submitting mushrooms, collect the entire mushroom by using a trowel to lift the mushroom from the soil (the stem that may extend into the soil). Wrap the mushroom in wax paper and place in a paper bag. Do not place the mushroom in a plastic bag. Do not place a wet paper towel in the sample bag, as this will cause the sample to rot quickly. It is best to mail the sample early in the week so that it does not sit over the weekend.

For questions regarding packaging and submitting specimens, please contact the Plant Pathology Laboratory at (562) 622-0433.

Please fill out the form below, print it, and mail the sample with the form to:

**Plant Pathology Laboratory
Los Angeles County Department of
Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures
11012 S. Garfield Ave., South Gate, CA 90280**

Owner or Collector (* Required)

Street Address, City, ZIP Code (* Required)

Daytime Phone Number (* Required)

Date Collected

Date Sent/Mailed

Host (Plant Name)

Plant Damage or Symptoms Observed

For quick turnaround, identification results will be reported by phone.