



Rapid Turfgrass Sample Collection and Submission Guidelines

Sample Collection:

- Collect turf samples with early and advanced stages of disease development.
- Collect turf samples from transition zone between healthy and diseased turfgrass containing both healthy and affected turf (see photo for example).
- Collect 2 samples from each problematic area. Samples can be cup cutter OR at least 6 inches by 6 inches in size.
- Completely dead turfgrass seldom generates an accurate diagnosis.



Sample Packaging:

- Wrap samples in newspaper or aluminum foil.
- Place samples in a sturdy cardboard box and pack securely.
- Do not add any water to the samples.
- Ship samples immediately to the Diagnostic Center after collection.
- Do not forget to include the completed rapid turfgrass form with the sample. Pack form in a zip-lock bag.
- Sample without Sample Submission Form and Diagnostic Fee will not be processed.

Sample Submission:

- Ship samples to correct mailing address.
- Ship samples early in the week.
- Samples should be delivered overnight.
- Samples are not received on Saturdays, Sundays and other LSU AgCenter holidays.

Sample Submission Address:

Plant Diagnostic Center
302 Life Sciences Bldg.
LSU Campus
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
Web Address: <http://www.LSUAgCenter.com/PlantDiagnostics>

Contact Information:

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Diagnosis Fee

- \$75 (In-state sample) Routine Diagnosis
- \$100 (Out-of-state sample*) Routine Diagnosis
- Check (Make check payable to LSU AgCenter PDC)

***Note: Out-of-state disease samples must include USDA APHIS permit for interstate movement of plant material.**

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