

Plant Identification Instructions

Follow these instructions when bringing specimens in to the office. We do not perform post mortems as it is extremely hard to identify problems with dead material.

Tree Samples

Bring a branch approximately 12 to 18 inches long showing the progression of the problem.

Lawn

Bring a sample at least 6" by 6" and deep enough to show the root system. A sample from the edge of the problem area will show us the problem as well as a bit of the healthy turf.

Flowers and Vegetable Plants

Bring a section of the plant that shows progression of the problem. Usually one is enough. It may be necessary to sacrifice the entire plant so we may see the roots and the base.

Insects

Bring a sample that is whole and in reasonable condition. Put it in a sealed container.

Fruit

Bring a sample of affected and healthy fruit (if possible) for comparison. It may be necessary to bring a portion of branch with leaves.

For more information you may visit [DIAGNOSING PLANT PROBLEMS](#) on the Idaho Landscape and Gardening Web site.