

PATHOLOGY SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

A representative sample is of utmost importance in accurately isolating the causal agent.

The most ideal sample would consist of the entire affected living plant including the crown region, rootball, surrounding soil, and declined limbs. In many instances this is just not possible. The sample should then include moist soil (at least 1-1/2 cups) and root debris (including small feeder roots and up to the diameter of a pencil) taken from the crown area to 6-12 inches in depth.

Collect 2-3 sub-samples, as instructed above, and place in a plastic bag and seal to retain moisture. Any limbs that have suffered should be cut and observed for vascular discoloration, and if present should be included in a separate baggie.

Descriptively fill out the questionnaire and provide your billing information including a fax, if desired, and phone number.

Samples may then be shipped by overnight courier directly to our pathology department at:

Soil and Plant Laboratory, Inc.
1594 N. Main St.
Orange, CA 92867
(714) 282-8777
Fax (714) 282-8575

* Samples should be sent early in the week opposed to Friday afternoons that subject samples to conditions that may decrease disease isolation potential.

Please call (714-282-8777 and ask for Paul Santos) if you have further questions or feel you have special conditions that need attention by one of our consulting staff members. Results will follow in about 10 working days.