

**Mail samples to:
Extension Plant Disease Clinic**

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Clinic Staff Only:
County: _____
PDC #: _____
Date: _____
pmt: _____

Plant Disease Diagnosis Form (#2901)

Please Print- fill in ALL relevant data; maintain office copy; submit original copy with specimen. Revised July 1, 2011.

Submitter Information:

Check all that apply:

Client Information:

Name or reference ID: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
Phone No. _____
Fax No.: _____
Email: _____

Commercial (grower, consultant, pest control)
 Homeowner
 UF Extension or Research

Information requested:	Problem ID	Control Recommendations	Preliminary report
Mail reply to: _____ Fax reply to: _____ Preferred contact met Email reply to: _____ Choose one: Bill to: _____	Submitter _____ Submitter _____ Submitter _____ Submitter _____	Client _____ Client _____ Client _____ Client _____	PAID -check enclosed or credit card info below \$40 per sample, make check to University of Florida - FEPDC

County of Sample Origin: _____ Date Sample Taken: _____ Date Sent to Lab: _____

Plant and Site Information

Plant & Variety/Cultivar: _____

Planting Type: Field Interior Forest Garden Grove/Orchard Landscape Nursery Greenhouse Other:

Exposure: Full sun Partial shade Full shade Windy Protected Irrigation frequency _____

Recent construction activities: _____

Recently Applied Chemicals: Pesticide Fertilizer What/When applied: _____

Soil type: Sandy Clay Silt Loam Organic Soil pH _____ (acid/basic)

Size of planting: _____ **% Plants Affected:** _____ **Date symptoms first noticed:** _____

General Plant Appearance: wilted spotted yellowed abnormal growth stunted mosaic other:

Prevalence: Entire Planting Localized Area Scattered Area **Degree of Damage:** Heavy Medium Light

Describe the problem. Include symptoms, plant parts affected, pattern of occurrence, etc. Attach separate sheets if necessary.

Credit Card Payment Information

(this part of the form will be detached and shredded after card has been run; we do not keep this information on file)

Credit card or check number: _____
 Credit card expiration date (mm/dd/yy): _____ Billing address: _____
 3-digit code on back of credit card: _____
 Name as it appears on credit card: _____

The Florida Extension Plant Disease Clinic (FEPDC) is a service provided to any Florida resident by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), University of Florida in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension Service. The FEPDC is open from 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm Monday-Friday (except state holidays) and is located on the University of Florida campus at Gainesville. Submit sample and payment payable to:

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website: <http://plantpath.ifas.ufl.edu/pdc/>

\$40.00 PER SAMPLE

The primary role of the FEPDC is to determine if the plant dysfunction involves an infectious causal agent, e.g. fungus, bacterium or virus. This is done by associating causal agents with symptomatic plant tissue. The FEPDC does not routinely test water or soil for plant disease causal agents.

It is the FEPDC policy that:

- 1) All plant samples should originate within the geographical boundaries of the United States of America or be accompanied by appropriate USDA-APHIS-PPQ plant importation permits.
- 2) Plant samples must be adequate in the quality and quantity with a completed Plant Disease Diagnostic Form (#2901) or equivalent information. Obtaining the appropriate sample before submission will save both time and shipping expense. NOTE: FEPDC staff reserve the right to immediately discard any sample not meeting the submission criteria listed below.
- 3) Samples can be submitted to the FEPDC in either the following manners:
Mail or deliver samples directly from the grower (e.g. homeowner, farmer, nursery, etc.) to the FEPDC. Samples must be accompanied by payment to ensure timely release of disease determinations and recommendations. Clientele can arrange for monthly invoicing by contacting FEPDC staff if Clinic usage is five (5) or more times per month. Sample charges may vary.
- 4) Samples are processed on a first come, first served basis in most cases.
- 5) Plant disease determinations and associated control options are emailed, faxed, or direct mailed to the person(s) specified on the form. If none are indicated, the submitter &/or person who pays for the sample will receive the results. Results of these samples are electronically sent to the county faculty in the county of sample origin to keep them informed of plant disease problems in their county of responsibility. No recommendations will be sent without complete identification and crop situation.

GENERAL SAMPLE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- 1) Submit generous amounts of plant material representing a range of symptoms. For best results, collect sample from the part of the plant with healthy and affected tissue.
- 2) Do not add water or pack a sample that is wet.
- 3) Keep samples refrigerated after collection until they are submitted. After collecting good samples, do not ruin them by allowing them to bake in the sun or on the back seat of a car prior to submission.
- 4) Do not mix samples in the same submission bag. Moisture from root samples will contribute to the decay of foliage samples if they are mixed together. Tie a plastic bag around roots to keep soil from mixing with leaf tissue.
- 5) Plant disease identification procedures do not utilize soil or water. Excess soil can be hand shaken from root systems but leave enough soil to keep roots at field moisture levels.
- 6) Please mark sample packages with "Warning" if sample has thorns or spines.
- 7) All samples must be accompanied with a completed Plant Disease Diagnostic Form. These are available at all county extension offices and online on our website. Give complete information on the form and KEEP THE FORM SEPARATE FROM THE SAMPLE. Limit sample information to one (1) sample per form. You are encouraged to include any other pertinent information in addition to that on the form.
- 8) Remember to note recent pesticide history on the Plant Disease Diagnostic Form accompanying the sample (last three weeks).
- 9) Samples arriving from sites in Florida that are 2 days or less mailing time from Gainesville, can be sealed in plastic bags for shipping.
- 10) Samples arriving from distances greater than 2 days mailing time from Gainesville should be packed tightly in a box with dry paper. Do not seal in plastic because the likelihood of sample deterioration during the mailing period. Do not add moisture.
- 11) Mail samples early in the week to avoid the weekend layover in the post office.
- 12) For emergency samples, use overnight courier services.
- 13) See guidelines for specific types of plant dysfunction on our website (Plant Sample Submission and Diagnoses RFSR007).

SERVICES NOT PROVIDED

Presently, the FEPDC is not able to provide the following services:

- 1) Pesticide residue determinations in or on plants and soil.
- 2) Soil nutrient levels, soluble salts, soil pH, or plant tissue analysis for macro or minor elements (contact the UF Soil Testing Lab)
- 3) Speciation on all pathogens isolated from plant disease samples.
- 4) Microbe identification from non-plant samples.
- 5) Toxic plant identifications and mycotoxin analysis.

SERVICES PROVIDED UPON SPECIAL REQUEST

The following procedures are available upon specific request and only after discussion with FEPDC staff. These procedures are both time-consuming and more costly than normal sample charge

- 1) Pathogen determinations from water sources.
- 2) Pathogen determinations from soil or growing media by baiting or culturing methods.
- 3) Laboratory verification of the phytoplasma responsible for lethal yellowing disease of palms by DNA hybridization and PCR methods.
- 4) Accurate diagnosis of the subspecies of fungus responsible for Fusarium wilt of Phoenix palms (*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *canariensis*) by DNA hybridization and PCR methods.