

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Turfgrass/Lawn Specimen Form

Fee: \$5.00 per Specimen  
Return to:  
OSU Extension  
Cuyahoga County  
9127 Miles Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44105  
Telephone: 216/429-8200

Please Print

Name Mr., Mrs., Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

(Faster response by e-mail)

The accuracy of any diagnosis depends upon the information supplied, the material selected and the condition in which the specimen arrives. **Please read the following suggestions carefully.**

- ◆ Cut a square of turf **at least 4" x 4" x 3" from the margin of the diseased area so that healthy and diseased turf is included.** An intact layer of soil should be attached to the sample and will help keep the sample in good condition.
- ◆ The sample should be collected before pesticide applications and **should not be watered before mailing.**
- ◆ Pack the sample in a sturdy box to bring into the office or to mail.

Grass type and variety (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Date symptoms first occurred \_\_\_\_\_

Have the symptoms occurred before? \_\_\_\_\_

Current weather conditions:

- Rainfall: (circle one) heavy moderate average below average drought

- Temperatures: day \_\_\_\_\_ (F) night \_\_\_\_\_ (F)

Light conditions: (circle one) bright partial shade shade

Is the area irrigated? (circle one) yes no

If yes, how much (in inches per application)? \_\_\_\_\_

How often? \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

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Date:

Diagnosis:

Enc:

Weather at time symptoms appeared? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has lawn been established? \_\_\_\_\_

Was it (circle one) seeded or sodded? \_\_\_\_\_

Results of last soil test: pH \_\_\_\_\_

List fertilizers applied \_\_\_\_\_, rate \_\_\_\_\_, date \_\_\_\_\_

List insecticides applied \_\_\_\_\_, rate \_\_\_\_\_, date \_\_\_\_\_

List fungicides applied \_\_\_\_\_, rate \_\_\_\_\_, date \_\_\_\_\_

Were these applied by you or a lawn care company? \_\_\_\_\_

Symptoms: Please describe patterns (spots, circles, patches, thinning, etc.); size of area affected; amount of damage and progression of damage; and suspected causes. Include as much information as possible. Photos and/or sketches help and will be returned.

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