

Soil Samples

Our office provides Soil Test Kits that include instructions for collecting a sample, the form you submit with your sample to the Soil & Plant Analysis Lab in Marshfield and a soil bag.

For a test kit:

- ◆ Contact our Horticulture Helpline at 262-548-7779

or

- ◆ Print the forms from our website, www.waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/hort/st

or

- ◆ Contact the Soil & Plant Analysis Lab in Marshfield at 715-387-2523

Process:

- ◆ Mail your form, sample and payment to the Soil & Plant Analysis Lab in Marshfield

What you get:

- ◆ Current soil pH
- ◆ Analysis of the current nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus content of your soil
- ◆ Recommendation of type and amount of fertilizer to add

What does it cost?

- ◆ \$15.00 per sample

Horticulture Helpline

Do you have a yard or garden question, or an additional question about how to submit a sample for diagnosis?

Call our Horticulture Helpline at:

262-548-7779

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Days of the week vary by season.
Voicemail available year-round

Or Email us at:

uwex1@waukeshacounty.gov

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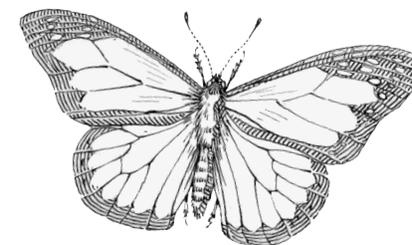
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Horticulture Diagnostic Services

Services provided by our office:

- Plant Identification
- Plant Disease Diagnosis
- Garden Insect Identification



Plant Disease Diagnosis

What you get:

- ◆ Identification of the disease
- ◆ Control options

What we need:

- ◆ Sample of diseased plant
- ◆ For small plants (flowers, turf grass, vegetables, etc.), submit entire plant including roots if possible
- ◆ For larger plants (trees, shrubs), submit plant parts that are showing disease (leaves, stem, branch)
- ◆ If possible submit the “transition zone,” some healthy and some diseased tissue
- ◆ Plant samples should be placed in plastic bags. Do NOT add water
- ◆ Turf samples should be wrapped in foil. Do NOT add water

What does it cost?

- ◆ \$5.00 per sample
- ◆ Some samples may require additional testing

Garden Insect Identification

What you get:

- ◆ Identification of the insect
- ◆ Control options

What we need:

- ◆ A plant sample showing insect damage
- ◆ Insect itself if still present (submit sample in plastic bag, do not squash the bug)

What does it cost?

- ◆ \$5.00 per sample

Home Insect Identification

Home insect identification is offered by the UW Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab in Madison. **Do not** bring the sample to the Waukesha County office.

For forms and instructions:

- ◆ Go to the UW Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab website at: <http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/insectlab/>

Plant Identification

What you get:

- ◆ Name of plant
- ◆ If it is a weed, what potential problems it might create
- ◆ Control options

What we need:

- ◆ Location where the plant was found
- ◆ If possible, submit entire plant (especially weeds), the roots may be important for identification
- ◆ For trees and shrubs—a branch with leaves attached
- ◆ Flowers or fruit are also helpful in identification
- ◆ Turf samples should be wrapped in foil. Do NOT add water

What does it cost?

- ◆ \$5.00 per sample



SUBMITTING A SAMPLE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE IN WAUKESHA COUNTY:

Bring plant or insect sample to our office between 8:00 am and 4:15 pm.

We are located in the County Courthouse Complex at 515 W Moreland Boulevard. Enter through the main Courthouse doors for security screening, then proceed to our office in the Administration Center of the courthouse complex room AC G22.