

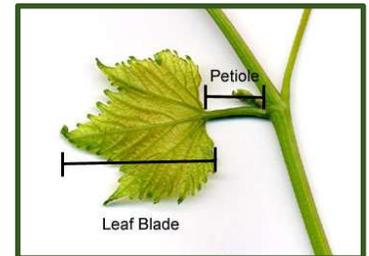
## Plant Tissue for Pest Identification Sampling Instructions

*Results are only as good as your sample*

1. Avoid spraying with a pesticide prior to sampling. If you kill the pests, we won't be able to see them.

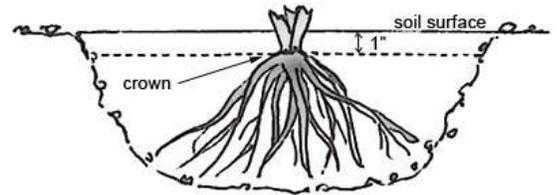
2. If suspected pest is a **leaf pest**:

- **A representative sample usually consisting of 15-20 leaves per 100 square feet of canopy, is required.**
- Collect leaves (Leaves and Petioles only) depending on what you want to know. If you want to see the *difference* between rooms, plants, or gardens then you will sample each separately.
- **Please NOTE: we do not accept flower under any circumstances, only leaf and petioles.**



3. If suspected pest is a **root pest**:

We require large roots nearest to the root crown, as larger roots are best. If desired, you may pull up the whole plant.



4. If you are uncertain, submit both root and tissue. Keep in mind, both submissions count as two Pest-ID analyses, and will need to be placed in separate bags.

5. **Fill a gallon bag at least halfway** with plant tissue (at least 15-20 leaves). You may bring in more tissue if you like. *Label bag with a sample name and date.*

6. **Place a DRY paper towel inside the bag to maintain sample integrity during transit.**

7. **PLEASE carefully** complete and sign the *DBS Sample Order & Chain of Custody Form*. **We CANNOT process any orders or perform any tests with an incomplete order form.** Be sure to select the test(s) you want performed and include your complete contact information. Order forms can be found at the DBS office in Arcata, at one of our remote locations, or on our website at <https://www.dbsanalytics.com>.



8. Samples should be kept cool and delivered to us as soon as possible. If you wish to **overnight** them, please ship via delivery service of your choice, Monday thru Thursday. Hand delivered samples are accepted Monday through Friday.

9. You may also deposit samples in our **Drop Box** in Arcata ONLY. Be sure to include a completed *DBS Sample Order & Chain of Custody Form* with **payment**. The drop box is checked each morning, Monday through Friday.



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