

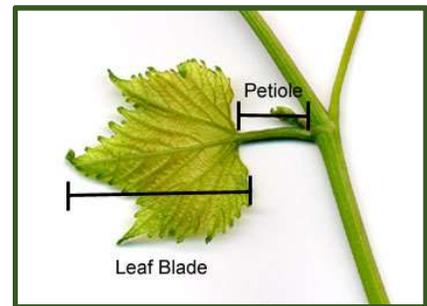
Plant Pathology Sampling Instructions

Results are only as good as your sample

1. Identify the plants of concern.
2. When possible, include the entire plant and/or a healthy plant (as a control).

3. **Never submit dead or dry samples.**

4. **Plant Tissue:** *Fill a gallon bag at least halfway* with plant tissue (leaves and petioles) containing symptoms. *Label bag with a sample name and date.*



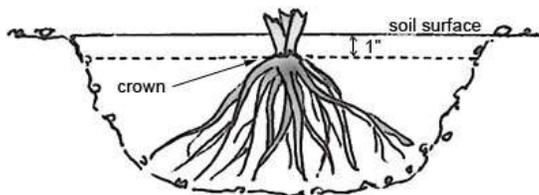
5. **When possible, fill other gallon bags at least halfway,** with plant tissue (leaves and petioles) containing various stages of symptoms from other plants (keep in mind to separate plant tissue by their stage). Label bag with a sample name and date.

6. When switching to new plants or a new area, clean your scissors with alcohol to avoid contamination from other plants.

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



8. **Root Material:** *Fill a gallon bag halfway* with root material from the sample plant (large roots nearest to the root crown). *Label bag with a sample name and date.*



9. Place the samples into a secondary plastic bag, and pack into a cooler or box. During summer months, place an ice pack into the shipping container. **Wrap ice pack with paper towels or newspaper to prevent it from touching your samples.**



10. 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>.

11. Samples should be kept cool and delivered to us as soon as possible. Please ship **overnight** via delivery service of your choice, on Monday or Tuesday. If dropping sample off at our office, hand deliver Monday through Wednesday.

If you have additional questions, please submit them on the DBS website by selecting the *Questions and Inquiries* option located on the main page. Thank you!