

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**San Juan County Plant Problem Diagnosis Form**

<http://extension.wsu.edu/sanjuan/master-gardeners/>

**Please fill out this form completely.** Circle any choices and add specific descriptions where possible. The more information you provide about both the PLANT and the ENVIRONMENT the more accurate diagnosis and advice we can provide. *Please attach an additional page if you need space to add comments.*

You must **include a plant sample with this form.** Submit as much affected plant material as possible and store in refrigerator in plastic bag with minimal dampness. If possible, please provide a photo as well. Photos can be attached to this form or submitted to [mg.sanjuancounty@wsu.edu](mailto:mg.sanjuancounty@wsu.edu).

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| <i>Name:</i>                    | <i>Email:</i>                       |
| <i>Address:</i>                 | <i>Phone:</i>                       |
| <i>Date Sample collected:</i>   |                                     |
| <i>Master Gardener Contact:</i> | <i>Date Received by MG Program:</i> |

**Please describe the problem you want help with:**

*Plant Information – please circle choices and/or describe for questions below.*

- 1) Plant name and variety/age or date planted/size of the plant:
  
- 2) What type of plant is it? (circle): Broadleaf Tree, Conifer, Shrub, Vine, Tree Fruit, Small Fruit, Ground Cover, Vegetable. Other:
  
- 3) When did you notice the problem? (Example: August 2017, after a dry spell) and did the plant appear healthy before the problem?:
  
- 4) Describe how problem progressed and is progression gradual or rapid?
  
- 5) What is the pattern of problem? (circle): Top Down, Bottom Up, Inside Out, Only One Side and which direction? N, S, E, W
  
- 6) How many plants affected? (circle): Single, Scattered, Group of Same, Group of Different
  
- 7) What parts of the plant are affected? (circle): Whole plant, Trunk, Branches, Leaves or Needles, Flowers, Fruit, Roots

8) Is the plant (circle): Spotted, Wilted, Distorted, Weepy or Sticky, Rolled, Holey, Chewed or Partially Gone, Yellowed, Browned or Red, Rotted, Stunted?

9) How was plant originally planted? (circle): Bare Root, Balled and Burlapped, Peat Pot, Plastic Pot

*PLANT ENVIRONMENT – please circle choices and/or describe questions below*

10) Where is plant situated? (circle): Full Sun, Partial Shade, Full Shade

11) What is location of plant? (circle): Lawn, Bed/Mound, Greenhouse, Near Concrete or Wall, Near water/wet area

12) Is exposure? (circle): N, S, E, W, and is it Windy, Sloped, Salt-sprayed or Beach?

13) How do you water the plant? (circle): Hand, Sprinkler, Drip? Do you water the base or overhead? How often?

14) Is soil drainage good or poor?

15) What type of soil is it planted in? (circle): Sand, Loam, Clay. Has soil been supplemented with compost, potting soil, or top soil?

16) Have you used any chemicals on this plant or others in your yard? (circle): fertilizer, insecticide, fungicide, Weed- n Feed, weed killers? Please note if you know the brand or chemical name:

17) Please circle any of the following that have happened in your yard in the last 3-5 years: heavy equipment over soil, possible root injury from digging or trenching, trunk or bark injury from mower or weed-eater, extreme dryness or wetness, driveway, road paving or concrete work.

18) Did you notice any animal activity? If so, what type?

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**For Use by Master Gardeners**

Plant Problem Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations:

Master Gardener \_\_\_\_\_

Date and type of contact \_\_\_\_\_  
(call, e-mail, letter, written materials sent)

*Revised 5/18*