

**WSU MASTER  
GARDENER ANNEX  
CLINIC SITES**

**BASIC  
GUIDELINES  
FOR SAMPLE**

- Sample must be fresh.
- Sample must be protected from intense heat or cold.
- Sample must be stored in cool storage until submitted to WSU Chelan County Plant Clinic.
- Sample must be representative of problem to be diagnosed.

**MATERIAL  
LIST**

Cooler  
Cold packs  
Newspaper  
Plastic bags  
Waterproof marker  
Hand shears  
Latex gloves  
Plant Clinic Forms  
Alcohol  
Vials

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CHELAN COUNTY EXTENSION

## Master Gardener Program

ANNEX PLANT CLINIC SAMPLE COLLECTION METHOD

## Care & Transport of Plant & Insect Samples

Good sample collecting and handling are necessary to obtain an accurate diagnosis and/or identification of plant or insect.

Following these steps on how to package and store plant or insect will help ensure samples arrival to WSU Plant Clinic in good condition.

### Plant Samples

1. Wrap in dry newspaper. Do Not moisten.
2. Place in plastic bag. Do not close bag, except if insects on are plant.
3. Label bag and place in chilled cooler for transport to Clinic.



Plant sample wrapped in newspaper placed in plastic bag.

### Insect Samples

1. Fill vial with rubbing alcohol.
2. Place insect in vial and secure lid.
3. Place in Ziploc bag and place in chilled cooler for transport to Plant Clinic.

All samples must be accompanied with the appro-

priate WSU Chelan County Plant Clinic Form. All information must be filled out so for diagnosticians can process sample.

Be sure all Forms include clients name and phone number, along with WSU Master Gardeners name. If question on form does not apply to issue write in N/A.

Insect in vial filled with rubbing alcohol.



## Client Sample Collection Guidelines

- Sample must be fresh.
- Whole plant samples, including roots, are more desirable than individual leaves for smaller plants. If large, bring in a branch.
- If root system has soil on it, place bag over roots to keep soil off foliage.
- For plant identification wait until flowering to bring in sample.
- If client sample is not suitable, provide these guidelines and have them bring a fresh sample to WSU Plant Clinic on Mon or Wed 1-4pm at 400 Washington St. Wenatchee. 667-6540