

Mail samples to:  
UF-SWFREC Plant Diagnostic Clinic  
ATTN: Weed Sample  
2685 SR 29 N  
Immokalee, FL 34142-9515  
Phone (239)-658-3432  
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**Internal Use Only**  
County: \_\_\_\_\_  
ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Weed Identification Form

**Submitter Information:**

**Check all that apply:**

**Client Information:**

Name or reference ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial   
(grower, consultant, pest control)  
 Homeowner   
 UF Extension or Research

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SEND RESULTS TO:  Submitter  Client  
Preferred method to receive results:  Mail  Fax  Email  
(email is preferred to ensure timely delivery of your report)

\*County: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date Sample Taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sent to Lab: \_\_\_\_\_

### Plant and Site Information (\* indicates mandatory field)

\*Submission Type: Physical Sample: \_\_\_ Digital Image: \_\_\_ Submit high quality images via email to rkanissery@ufl.edu  
\*Crop & Variety/Cultivar: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Planting Type:  Field  Interior  Forest  Garden  Grove/Orchard  Landscape  Nursery  Greenhouse  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Recently Applied Chemicals: What/When applied: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Size of planting/number of plants affected: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date weed first noticed: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the problem. Include symptoms, plant parts affected, pattern of occurrence, etc. Attach separate sheets if necessary.  
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The UF-SWFREC Plant Diagnostic Clinic (SWFPDC) is a service provided to any Florida resident by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), University of Florida in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension Service. The SWFPDC is open from 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday (except state holidays) and is located at the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee.

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Website: <http://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu>

It is the SWFPDC policy that:

- 1) All plant samples should originate within the geographical boundaries of the State of Florida or be accompanied by appropriate USDA/DACS plant importation permits.
- 2) Plant samples must be adequate in the quality and quantity with a completed Weed Identification Form or equivalent information. Obtaining the appropriate sample before submission will save both time and shipping expense.  
NOTE: SWFPDC staff reserve the right to immediately discard any sample not meeting the submission criteria listed below.  
For photo identification of weeds, sent a high quality image. Be sure to include plant details such as growth habit, leaf and stem characteristics, and flower and fruit characteristics in the images.
- 3) Samples can be submitted to the SWFPDC in the following manners:  
Mail or deliver samples directly from the grower (e.g. homeowner, farmer, nursery, etc.) to the SWFPDC.  
A high-resolution photo may be emailed to [rkanissery@ufl.edu](mailto:rkanissery@ufl.edu) for identification of weeds.
- 4) Samples are processed on a first come, first served basis in most cases.
- 5) Plant disease determinations and associated control options are emailed, faxed, or direct mailed to the person(s) specified on the form. If none are indicated, the submitter &/or person who pays for the sample will receive the results. No recommendations will be sent without complete identification and crop situation.

#### GENERAL SAMPLE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- 1) Submit generous amounts of plant material representing a range of symptoms.
- 2) Do not add water or pack a sample that is wet.
- 3) Keep samples refrigerated after collection until they are submitted. After collecting good samples, do not ruin them by allowing them to bake in the sun or on the back seat of a car prior to submission.
- 4) Do not mix samples in the same submission bag.  
Excess soil can be hand shaken from root systems but leave enough soil to keep roots at field moisture levels.
- 5) Please mark sample packages with "Warning" if sample has thorns or spines.
- 6) All samples must be accompanied with a completed Weed Identification Form. Give complete information on the form and KEEP THE FORM SEPARATE FROM THE SAMPLE. Limit sample information to one (1) sample per form. You are encouraged to include any other pertinent information in addition to that on the form.
- 7) Remember to note recent pesticide history on the Weed Identification Form accompanying the sample (last three weeks).
- 8) Samples arriving from sites in Florida that are 2 days or less mailing time from Immokalee, can be sealed in plastic bags for shipping.
- 9) Samples arriving from distances greater than 2 days mailing time from Immokalee should be packed tightly in a box with dry paper. Do not seal in plastic because the likelihood of sample deterioration during the mailing period. Do not add moisture.
- 10) Mail samples early in the week to avoid the weekend layover in the post office.
- 11) For emergency samples, use overnight courier services or US Overnight mail.