



## Collecting Specimens

1. Make sure the specimen is representative of plants in questions.
2. Include stems, leaves, flowers or seedheads and seeds, if present. Also include a portion of the root in order to identify perennial weed characteristics.
3. Wrap specimens in dry paper toweling or clean newspaper and pack loosely in a plastic bag to prevent excessive drying. **DO NOT ADD WATER.** Package in a strong carton for mailing.
4. Send only freshly collected specimens by the most rapid transit method – undue delays can result in extensive deterioration of the specimen which makes diagnosis difficult or impossible.
5. Fill out form as completely as possible.

## Hints for Specific Plant Materials

1. Small plants and turf – send entire intact plant(s). Gently shake excess soil from roots.
2. Fleshy fruits, roots and tubers – wrap in enough clean, absorbent materials such as paper toweling to soak up any leakage.

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