

UW-Madison/Extension Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update

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The PDDC is now once again accepting physical samples for diagnosis, but due to COVID-19, only with limited hours and limited sample processing capacity. Click here for the current submission policy. The PDDC is continuing to provide diagnoses through examination of digital photographs. Digital diagnoses have not traditionally been included in the Wisconsin Disease Almanac, because such diagnoses are not verified through lab testing (critical in most situations for a diagnosis to be accurate). However, in an attempt to keep clients as informed as possible, digital diagnoses will be included in the Almanac until normal PDDC operations resume. For Almanac entries below, when a digital diagnosis would normally require a lab confirmation, the disease/disorder will be labeled as "suspected". The following diseases/disorders have been identified at the PDDC from May 30, 2020 through June 5, 2020.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Ash (Unspecified)	White Rot	Polyporus squamosus	Sauk
Barberry (Unspecified)	Root Rot	Pythium sp., Fusarium sp., Cylindrocarpon sp.	Racine
Boxwood	Fusarium Canker	Fusarium sp.	Waukesha
	Volutella Canker	Volutella sp.	Dane, Waukesha
Buckthorn (Fern Leaf)	Crown Rust	Puccinia coronata	Dane
Buckthorn (Unspecified)	Crown Rust	Puccinia coronata	Eau Claire
Cherry (Ornamental)	Black Knot	Apiosporina morbosa	Rock
Clematis	Fertility/Soil pH Issues	None	Jefferson
Crabapple	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Racine
Dogwood (Red Twig)	Bacterial Blight (Suspected)	Pseudomonas syringae	Dane
Elm (Unspecified)	Anthracnose	Gloeosporium sp.	Rock
Lilac (Unspecified)	Bacterial Blight (Suspected)	Pseudomonas syringae	Dane, Vernon
	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Racine
	Poor Pruning	None	Vernon



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BROAD LEAFED			
WOODY ORNAMENTALS (Continued)			
Maple (Japanese)	Cold Injury (Suspected)	None	Sheboygan
	Frost Crack	None	Sheboygan
Maple (Norway)	Frost Crack	None	Monroe
	Girdling Roots (Suspected)	None	Monroe
	Overly Deep Planting	None	Monroe
	Sapsucker Damage	None	Monroe
Maple (Red)	Chlorosis	None	Walworth
	Grade Change Damage (Suspected)	None	Walworth
Maple (Unspecified)	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Discula sp.	Dane, Waukesha
	Frost Crack	None	Eau Claire
	Girdling Roots (Suspected)	None	La Crosse
	Improper Planting (Wire Baskets Left On)	None	Polk
	Overly Deep Planting	None	Eau Claire, La Crosse
	Poor Pruning (Included Bark)	None	Eau Claire
	Wood Rot (Suspected)	Unspecified wood rot fungus	Eau Claire
Oak (Unspecified)	Anthracnose (Suspected)	Discula sp.	Crawford, Winnebago
	Chlorosis	None	Crawford
	Cold Injury (Suspected)	None	Sauk
	Lichens	None	Sauk
	Smooth Patch	Aleurodiscus oakesii	Sauk
	Tatters	None	Crawford
Pachysandra	Volutella Blight	Volutella pachysandricola	Waukesha
Pear (Ornamental)	Winter Injury (Suspected)	None	Dane, Marathon
Plum (Ornamental)	Black Knot	Apiosporina morbosa	Winnebago
Trees (Miscellaneous)	Herbicide Damage	None	Dane



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FRUIT CROPS			
Grape	Cold Injury (Suspected)	None	Dane
	Crown Gall (Suspected)	Agrobacterium vitis	Dane
	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Dane
	Tatters	None	Dane
Peach	Peach Leaf Curl	Taphrina deformans	Dane, Rock
Pear	Fire Blight (Suspected)	Erwinia amylovora	Wood
Strawberry	Cold Injury (Suspected)	None	Barron
HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS			
Lily-of-the-Valley	Ascochyta Leaf Spot (Suspected)	Ascochyta sp.	Dane
Onion (Ornamental)	None – Normal Dormancy (Suspected)	None	Dane
Trillium (White)	Viral Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified plant virus	Marathon
NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Arborvitae	Cytospora Canker	Cytospora sp.	Walworth
	Fungal Canker Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified canker fungus	Waukesha
	Phyllosticta Needle Blight	Phyllosticta sp.	Walworth
False Cyprus	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Sauk
Red Cedar (Eastern)	Cedar-Apple Rust	Gymnosporangium juniperi-virginianae	Sauk
Spruce (Unspecified)	Cold Injury (Suspected)	None	Sauk
	Fungal Canker Disease (Suspected)	Unspecified canker fungus	Sauk, Waukesha
	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected)	Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii	Sauk
	Transplant Shock (Suspected)	None	Sauk
VEGETABLE CROPS			
Potato	Bacterial Soft Rot	Unspecified soft rot bacteria	Adams
	Bacterial Soft Rot	Pectobacterium atrosepticum	Langlade
	Black Heart	None	Adams



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VEGETABLE CROPS (Continued)			
Potato (Continued)	Black Leg	Pectobacterium atrosepticum, Pectobacterium carotovorum subsp. carotovorum	Adams
	Dry Rot	Fusarium sp.	Marathon
	Hollow Heart	None	Adams
	Leak (Suspected)	Pythium sp.	Adams
	Pink Eye	None	Marathon
	Pink Rot (Suspected)	Phytophthora erythroseptica	Adams, Marathon
	Tomato Spotted Wilt	Tomato spotted wilt virus	Langlade
Tomato	Bacterial Canker	Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis	Waushara
MISCELLANEOUS			
Mushroom ID	Golden Oyster Mushroom (Pleurotus citrinopileatus)	None	Vernon

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