

*Please read all the instructions before you begin.*

## Timing

AgPath cannot guarantee timely analysis for samples arriving just prior to weekends or public holidays.

- Samples should be collected and sent by Express Post or overnight courier between Monday and Wednesday.
- Do not send on a Thursday, Friday.
- Allow at least two days prior to a Victorian public holiday. This allows for samples to be processed as soon as they are received. We must receive samples within 3 days to do Active Bacteria and Active Fungi assays.
- Report will be issued within 10 business days from receipt of sample. Payment must be received before report will be released.

## Important

- If water moulds are suspected eg *Phytophthora* or *Pythium* or *Phytophthora*, then **DO NOT** refrigerate.

## Instructions

1. Download **Plant Pest and Disease Problem Identification Form** from [agpath.com.au/submission-forms](http://agpath.com.au/submission-forms). The form can be completed electronically or printed and handwritten.
2. Take photographs of the plant *in situ*. Include close-up photographs of the problem area and any other photographs that might help to determine the problem in the plant.
3. Cut obviously diseased and apparently healthy tissue depending on where the problem is expressing from leaves and twigs, roots, rhizomes or tubers. Roots must be collected carefully because diseased roots will break off easily. Dig carefully with a spade and collect diseased and healthy roots with some soil round them.
4. Wrap each tissue sample in paper towel or newspaper separately and place in a zip-lock bag.
5. Pack your samples for transport. Ensure you include the Client Details form along with your Plant Pest and Disease Problem Identification Form completing as many details as possible.