

## UVM Extension Master Gardener Helpline Insect and Disease Diagnosis Worksheet

1. Common name of host plant: \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long have you had the affected plant? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Plant parts affected:
  - Leaves
  - Stem
  - Roots
  - Entire Plant
  - Flowers
  - Trunk
  - Fruit
  - Unknown
4. Symptoms noticed:

LEAVES:

  - Yellowing
  - Wilt
  - Defoliation
  - Holes in leaves
  - Leaf spots
  - Burning of margins
  - Leaf rotting or streaking
  - Abnormal growth or gall
  - Leaf curled or puckered

BRANCHES/TRUNK:

  - Cracks in bark
  - Stunting
  - Hole in trunk
  - Gummy discharge
  - White stuff on bark
  - Wilted branch tip
  - Abnormal growth on twigs or stem
  - Abnormal growth on trunk
5. Distribution of damage or disease symptoms on plant:
  - Top branches
  - Bottom branches
  - Tip of branches
  - All branches on one side
  - Scattered throughout
  - All over the plant
6. When was the problem first noticed? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Soil drainage:  Very wet  Very dry  Good drainage
8. How often do you water: Is soil allowed to dry between watering?  Yes  No  
Does container have drainage holes?  Yes  No
9. Recent weather:  Rainy/wet  Very dry  Cold  Normal/Average
10. Light conditions:

IF OUTSIDE:  Full sun  Light shade  Heavy shade

IF INSIDE:  Direct sun  Indirect sun  Little or no light
11. Current management practices (brand, rates, amounts used, dates of application):
  - Fertilizer: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pesticides: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Weed killer: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Recent environmental disturbances:
  - Soil added or removed
  - Gas or sewer leaks
  - Construction nearby
  - Frost
  - High winds
  - High temperature
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
13. If it is an insect problem, how many insects have you seen?
  - A few (1-2)
  - Moderate Amount (10-20)
  - Too many to count
14. How long has the pest been a problem? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Where was the problem seen (for household pests)?
  - Kitchen
  - Basement
  - Closets
  - In clothes
  - Dining room
  - Attic
  - Window sills
  - In rugs
  - Living room
  - Garage
  - Porch
  - In bed
  - Bed room
  - Around foundation
  - In food
  - Stored food products
  - Other:
16. Other information that might be useful:  
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