# Submitting Good Samples To the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab

Master Gardener Specialist – First Detector Training
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# Citrus Greening (HLB) and Citrus Canker Sampling and Submission





## **Understanding Citrus Greening**

Importance

**Vector of the bacterium** 

Candidatus Liberibacter

asiaticus

**Citrus Greening** 

**Symptoms** 

Sample Submission

to TPDDL.



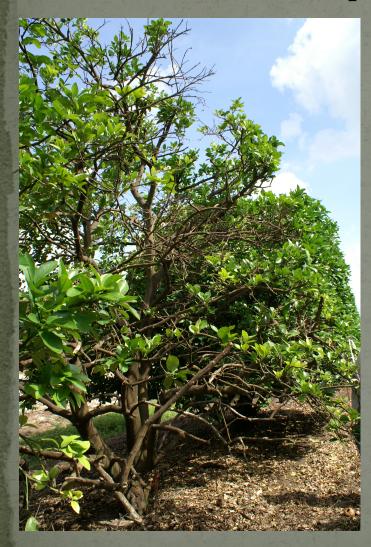
### Taking a closer look

- Blotchy mottle symptoms may not be visible to just an exterior canopy.
- Examine the tree closer by parting branches to view older leaves within the canopy.
- Pay attention to bud breaks, new flush or regrowth after pruning.



Classic blotchy mottle symptom

### Collect sample



Before starting out remember to include all the materials you need to collect a sample:

- Clippers, pocket knife.
- Reference material for help in identification.
- Labeled sample bags.
- Writing utensil to label bags.
- GPS device if available/ map.

## **Collect Sample**

- Scout tree (s) for symptoms.
- Keep your eyes open for the Asian CitrusPsyllid on new flush.
- Preferably collect more than 10-12 leaves still attached to branches.
- Place collected sample in a zipper bag or plastic bag, label and secure tightly.



## HLB and Citrus Canker Sample Submission

When submitting multiple samples:

- Treat each submitted sample separately.
- Label bags clearly so that samples can be differentiated.



## HLB and Citrus Canker Sample submission cont.

TPODL use only.
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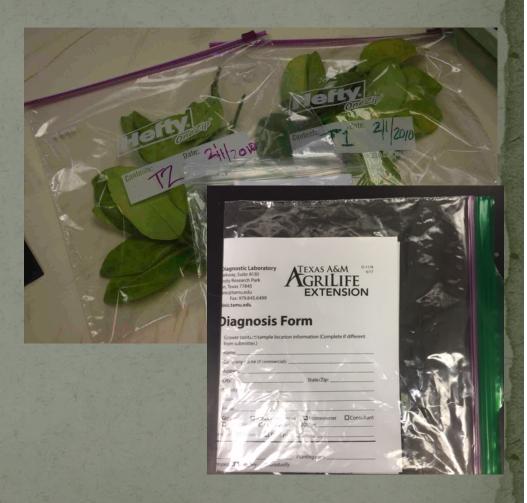
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#### **Plant Disease Diagnosis Form**

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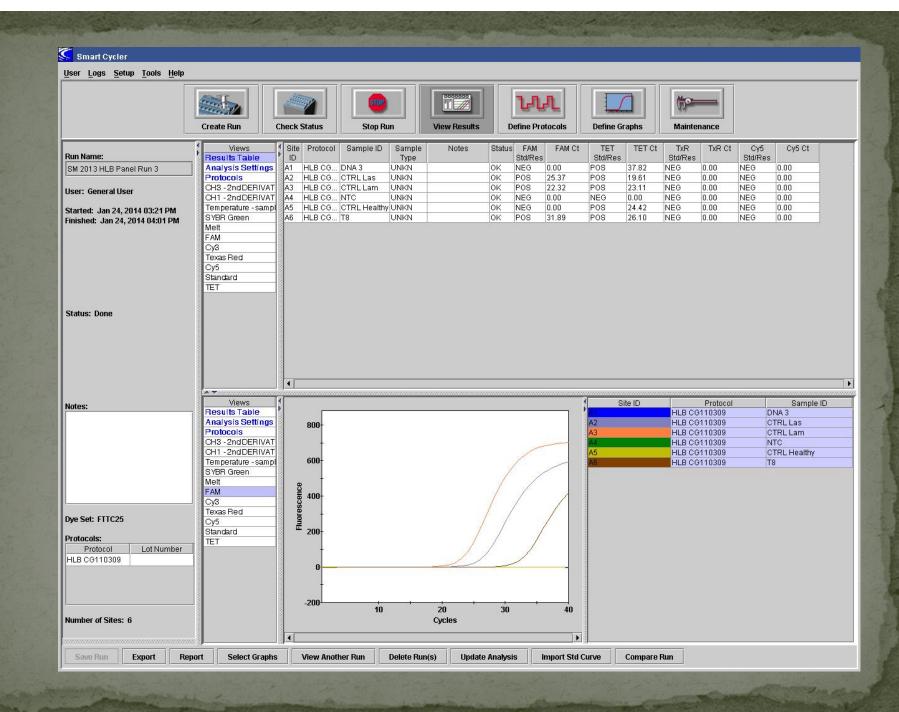
- Place completed form(s) in a separate zipper bag or plastic bag and secure tightly.
- Place all samples and form(s) into one (1) zipper or plastic bag and secure.
- Make sure basic information portion of the form is easily visible.













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#### PLANT Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab

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Submission Forms

Services

Fees

 Plant Disease Resources ↓

#### The TX Plant Clinic



The TPDDL jumps for joy upon receiving STAR-D Lab Accreditation.

#### \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE\*\*\*\*\*

The Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory will be closed Wednesday, March 14th thru Friday, March 16th for Spring Break. We will return to our normal business hours of Monday-Friday, 8am – 5pm, March 19th, 2018. If planning to submit samples please ensure they arrive before or on Friday, March 9th or wait until we return Monday, March 19th.

The Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, located in College Station, Texas, is a service lab of the <u>Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology at Texas A&M University</u> in conjunction with <u>Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service</u>.

#### Our Mission:

To Provide accurate and timely plant disease diagnostic support to AgriLife Extension & Research personnel, Texas Department of Agriculture, the agriculture/green industry and the people of Texas to protect and secure our plant resources and to promote economic competitiveness.





#### ▼ FORMS / INSTRUCTIONS

D1178 - General Diagnostic Form and Instructions

D807 - Nematode Detection Assay and Instructions

## Questions???



......"We must be curious to see if what we see is what we seem to see. We must analyze it, open it up, turn it over, look underneath it, and look behind."

James G. Horsfall.