

Dispatch and Packaging Instructions for Suspected New Pest or Disease

*Note: The following instructions are intended for submissions from members of the public and do not override MPI process procedures. To speed possible eradication measures, please submit fruit fly **immediately** and other samples on the day of collection. MPI has a responsibility to report new records within **3 working days**. Replies will consist of the identification and significance, control advice is not provided. Please send perishable material by courier. Use free post number for non-perishable material.*

Suspected Fruit Fly (General Surveillance): please call PHEL (see *below) to advise arrival details. Package as follows:

Maggots in fruit:

- Do not disturb larvae;
- Wrap entire fruit/vegetable in dry paper towel (to absorb excess juices);
- Seal into a plastic bag, inside another sealed bag and place in transport bag/box with sample form.

Adult flies:

Dead: place in unbreakable container (e.g., film canister, jar lid covered with card and glad wrap, plastic pill vial) inside a plastic bag and place in transport bag/box with sample form.

Live: place in freezer for at least 2 hours, then quickly transfer to an unbreakable container (e.g., film canister, plastic pill vial), tape closed and put inside a plastic bag and place in transport bag/box with sample form.

Other Samples:

Suspected Insects:

- Place in unbreakable containers (e.g., film canister, jar lid covered with card and glad wrap, plastic pill vial) and tape closed;
- Place in transport bag/box with sample form.

Suspected Insect Damage:

- Seal plants/plant parts in a plastic bag with dampened paper towel;
- Seal inside a second plastic bag and place in transport bag/box with sample form.

Suspected Disease/Nematode to Whole Plants or Plant Parts other than Roots:

- Place affected whole plants or foliage in an unsealed plastic bag with dampened paper and affected fruit in vials;
- Place in transport bag/box with sample form.

Suspected Disease/Nematode in Roots or Soil:

- Send as much of the root as possible, preferably tying plastic bag around roots and stem base of plant;
- Send up to 1 litre of soil from around the affected plant, in sealed plastic bag;
- Include some foliage in unsealed bag;
- Place in transport bag/box with sample form.

Suspected Virus:

- Send as much of the plant as possible and include a sample of the youngest shoots/growing tips;
- Wrap material in moist paper and place in unsealed plastic bag in transport bag/box with sample form;
- Refrigerate sample (do not freeze).

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