Plant Clinics
Horticultural questions answered by Monroe County Master Gardeners
How do the plant clinics work?

Stop by with a insect or plant sample that shows the problem.
TURF

- Bring turf samples with soil from the margin where the declining and healthy turf meet.
- Enclose entire sample in a sealed plastic Ziploc baggie.
- Know what fertilizers and chemicals have been applied to the turf.
PLANTS

- Bring fresh samples that show the symptoms you are concerned about.
- Take note if it is a younger or older leaf and how much of the plant is affected.
- Know what fertilizers and chemicals have been applied around the plant.
FLESHY VEGETABLES, FRUITS, AND MUSHROOMS

- **DO NOT** place produce in plastic bags!!
- Wrap each sample in newspaper.
- Place sample in a box to prevent crushing.
- Collect several specimens, if possible.
INSECTS

Kill flying and crawling insects before bringing to the Plant Clinic:

• Place the insect in a container that has 70% rubbing alcohol or

• Place the insect in a plastic Ziploc baggie and put in the freezer overnight.

• Sedentary insects can be brought alive in plastic Ziploc baggies.
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