

UW-Madison/Extension Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update

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In 2023, the PDDC continues to provide diagnoses through examination of digital photographs, as well as physical samples. Click here for the PDDC's current submission policy, as well as information on the PDDC's current fee structure. Digital diagnoses will be included in the Wisconsin Disease Almanac and when a digital diagnosis would normally require a lab confirmation, the disease/disorder will be labeled as "suspected". The following diseases/disorders have been identified at the PDDC from July 29, 2023 through August 4, 2023.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
BROAD-LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Hydrangea	Dead Man's Fingers (Suspected)	Xylaria polymorpha	Milwaukee
Maple ('Autumn Blaze')	Root Rot	Pythium sp., Fusarium oxysporum	Vilas
Maple ('Sienna Glenn')	Chlorosis	None	Dane
Oak (Bur)	Phomopsis Canker	Phomopsis sp.	Dane
	Sphaeropsis Canker	Sphaeropsis sp.	Dane
Oak (Red)	Chlorosis	None	Dane
	Oak Wilt	Bretziella fagacearum	Brown
Oak (Swamp White)	Chlorosis	None	La Crosse
Oak (White)	Sphaeropsis Canker	Sphaeropsis sp.	Dane
Redbud	Dog Vomit Slime Mold (<i>Fuligo</i> sp.)	None	Dane
FIELD CROPS			
Soybean	Brown Stem Rot	Phialophora gregata	Sheboygan
	Charcoal Rot	Macrophomina phaseolina	Racine
	Phytophthora Root and Stem Rot	Phytophthora sp.	Clark, Dane, Racine, Sheboygan



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FRUIT CROPS			
Apple	Cedar-Apple Rust	Gymnosporangium juniper-virginianae	Winnebago
	Fire Blight	Erwinia amylovora	Waupaca
	Root/Crown Rot (Suspected)	Phytophthora sp.	Jefferson
Grape	Black Rot	Guignardia bidwellii	Bayfield
	Chemical Burn (Suspected)	None	Waupaca
	Downy Mildew	Plasmopara viticola	Bayfield
	Fertility Issues (Suspected)	None	Dane
HOUSEPLANTS			
Jadeplant	Phytophthora Leaf Blight	Phytophthora sp.	Waukesha
NEEDLED WOODY ORNAMENTALS			
Arborvitae	Phyllosticta Needle Blight	Phyllosticta sp.	Waukesha
	Water Stress (Suspected)	None	Waukesha
Pine (White)	Herbicide Damage (Suspected)	None	Fond du Lac
VEGETABLE CROPS			
Cucumber	Anthracnose	Colletotrichum orbiculare	Walworth
	Bacterial Wilt	Erwinia tracheiphila	Jefferson
	Cucumber Mosaic	Cucumber mosaic virus	Waushara
	Powdery Mildew	<i>Oidium</i> sp.	Walworth
Eggplant	Verticillium Wilt (Suspected)	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.	Dane
Lettuce	Varnish Spot	Pseudomonas chicorii	Aroostook (ME)
Melon (Unspecified)	Bacterial Wilt	Erwinia tracheiphila	Winnebago
Tomato	Bacterial Canker	<i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>michiganensis</i>	Oneida

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