

Instructions for Submitting Samples for Open Testing

We will only be able to accept “Open Testing” samples this year if the testing load from the other programs fall below expectations. Please contact Ron Miner at baronminer@aol.com to determine if there is time available for these tests. If you hear back that you can proceed, please follow the instructions below.

Download and complete the Sample Submission Form for Open Testing ([.docx](#) [.pdf](#)). All the fields in the table must be completed. Include a copy of the form in the package with your samples going to WSU and send a copy of the form to baronminer@aol.com.

The “location in garden” column is to make certain that you can accurately associate the virus results with a specific plant in your garden. The last column is to let us know the reason you’re submitting the sample. Are you concerned about the poor quality of the foliage and anticipate that the plant has virus? Or, are you trying to confirm that the plant with excellent foliage is clean?

Samples from each plant should consist of about 15 sq. in. (think of a 3×5 card) of leaf material and should not include the oldest leaves at the bottom of the plant. Smaller leaves should be selected from each of the four quadrants around the plant. Pack the samples from each plant individually in an unsealed Zip-Loc® Freezer bag along with a dry piece of paper towel and a sample tag printed from the “tag” file available here ([.docx](#) [.pdf](#)).

The minimum order is for 30 samples and the maximum order is for 60 samples. The cost for the full set of tests is \$10 per sample. Include a check for \$10 per sample payable to the Clean Dahlia Center in the sample box.

The package must reach Dr. Pappu’s lab within 2 days of removal from your plants. Keep the samples in your refrigerator (not freezer) if you can’t send them on the day you cut them. Mark the box “Refrigerate upon arrival!” Ship the samples, overnight or priority as appropriate, to Dr. H.R. Pappu/Dr. P. Gnanasekaran, Department of Plant Pathology, 345 Johnson Hall, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164. Remember to include the form with the submission and send a copy of the form to the ADS at baronminer@aol.com