

Please provide the following information when submitting samples for turfgrass problem identification.

Lawn Disorder Troubleshooting Triage:

1. What kind of lawn grass do you have?
2. Describe the symptoms or problem you are having?
3. Approximately how old is the lawn or when was the lawn planted (if new)?
4. When was the last time the lawn was fertilized and/or how often is it fertilized?
5. What type of fertilizer and how much/what rate?
6. Has any lime or sulfur been used in the area?
7. Has any construction, root-disturbing activities, trenching, or heavy equipment been on the lawn?
8. What height do you mow the grass?
9. Have you noticed any fungal or other cottony growth on the grass?
10. Has any weed & feed products or herbicides been used on or near the lawn?
11. Do you have any pets that enjoy using the lawn as a bathroom?
12. When did you first notice the problem and has it appeared to get worse since you first noticed it?
13. During planting the lawn, did you do a soil test and/or incorporate any soil amendments, fertilizer, lime, etc?
14. Did this lawn appear to be delayed in Spring green-up compared to previous years?
15. How often do you water the lawn and how many inches?
16. Have you used any insecticides, fungicides, or other chemicals on the lawn?
17. Could you provide a digital image of the lawn and/or submit a physical sample?

A turf sample including both dead and healthy sections at least 4" by 4" inches square and a few inches deep including soil/roots taken from the margin of the spots you are seeing would be a decent sample for disease diagnosis. You can bring samples by our office Monday through Friday from 8am - noon and 1 - 5pm. Please take fresh samples on the day that you are coming to the Extension office and keep cool (out of direct sunlight) and in a dry zip-lock/plastic bag. There is no charge for diagnostics at our office. There is a \$10 charge plus the cost of shipping to send samples to the diagnostic lab in Athens if they cannot be diagnosed at the Extension office.