

# INSECT SPECIMEN SUBMISSION FORM

Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Where in your house was this sample found? (check all that apply)

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen or pantry        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedroom or bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry room             | <input type="checkbox"/> Living/Family/Dining room | <input type="checkbox"/> Basement       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attic/Storage area       | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House plant/indoor plant | Name of plant: _____                               |   |

- ☐ House/single family      ☐ Apartment/multi-family

If found outdoors:

- ☐ On tree, shrub or flower      Name of plant: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other outside location: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. How long have you had this problem?

- ☐ Just noticed it      ☐ A few days to a week      ☐ About a month      ☐ Seasonal/annual issue

## 3. How many have you seen?

- ☐ Just 1      ☐ less than 10      ☐ 10 to 20      ☐ Too numerous to count

## 4. Explain the damage/frass/signs/symptoms:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate number: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

## For office use only:

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Specimen identified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks or recommendations:

Information sent on date: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ via Phone | Email | In person

## INSECT SPECIMEN PROTOCOL



Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County wants to assist you in solving your insect or spider problems and help you make good decisions about pest management options. We accept physical specimens of structural, household, stinging or biting insects – but there are some guidelines that must be followed.

### Acceptable:

- Dead specimens preferred
- One or more samples of the same kind of insect in a sealed, clear plastic bag
- Sticky traps or glue boards cut down to one or more samples of the same kind of insect and transferred to a clear plastic bag
- Wood shavings in a sealed container or a sample of damaged wood
- You can also send digital photos of insect pests to [kchapman13@unl.edu](mailto:kchapman13@unl.edu)

### Unacceptable:

Due to potential biohazards and safety concerns, we CANNOT accept or examine:

- Human skin, blood or bodily fluids
- Clothing, fabric or textiles
- Food items
- Sponges, cleaning clothes, lint roller sheets, toilet/tissue paper, vacuum cleaner bags or sweepings
- Complete sticky traps or glue boards
- Any liquids (other than ethanol used for preservations)

Thank you for following these important guidelines.

### Bites or Skin Lesions:

- If you do NOT have a sample and did NOT witness the bite, we CANNOT identify what bit you.
- Because every individual has their own unique immune system, it is impossible to diagnose the cause of the skin reaction by looking at lesions or bites alone.
- **If you are suffering from a skin reaction, it is recommended you see your physician, dermatologist or someone in the medical profession that can help you treat your symptoms.**