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Got plant problems? Learn plant diagnostics online

Plant Diagnostics: The Step-by-Step Approach to Identifying Plant Problems is a new online course offered by the UW-Madison Division of Extension Horticulture Program. The course is designed for gardeners who are looking for troubleshooting skills for the problems that arise. This is a twelve-week online course that runs from February 1 - April 30, 2023.

Learn the step-by-step process for identifying plant problems in your gardens. This course explains the basics of the plant diagnostic process in an easy-to-understand way.

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Explain the steps of the diagnostic process.
- Identify appropriate unbiased, research-based resources to use in the diagnostic process.
- Learn how to use UW-Madison Division of Extension diagnostic services and labs for extra help when you need it.

The online course is self-paced with 13 modules that include videos, reading, and interactive activities. Two live webinars “Putting the Process into Practice: Real World Diagnostics” led by Extension Educators and “Meet the Labs!”, presented by diagnostic lab directors will also be included in the course. Anyone interested in becoming a better gardener and detecting problems as they arise is invited to participate in the course!

Registration is open from December 2022-January 2023. The cost is \$99 for the general public and commercial professionals and \$49 for active participants in the Extension Master Gardener Program. Find more information about this course at: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/plant-diagnostics-course/>

ISA Certified Arborists: If you complete this course by April 30, 2023 you will be awarded 7.5 CEUs.

Master Gardeners: Complete the course by December 31, 2023 for 7.5 hours of continuing education.

Questions? Contact the course moderator, Amy Freidig at gardening.class@extension.wisc.edu

The UW-Madison’s Extension Horticulture Program provides research-based horticulture information to Wisconsinites so they can make gardening decisions that keep their plants healthy while protecting the environment.