

A New Look for Maryland's Online Residential Resources University of Maryland's Home and Garden Information Center

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The University of Maryland Home and Garden Information Center's websites have a **New Look for 2006!**

- Sites are much more user friendly with an updated appearance and improved functionality.
- Sections on the main HGIC site include: Timely Tips, Publications, Invasive Species, What's New, Send a Question, and an extensive links page!
- New search capability.
- Expanded "Invasives" section includes Sudden Oak Death, Soybean rust, Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, and other new emerging issues.

Main HGIC Site



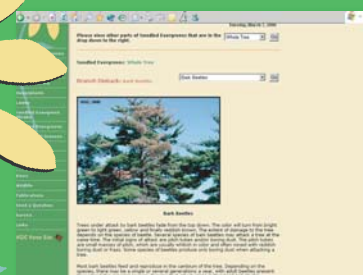
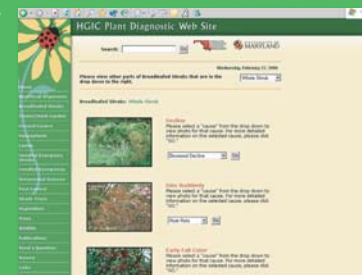
Free Publications Online



The publication page features over 100 online fact sheets in full color or printer friendly black and white.

Site Directions:

- From the menu on the left, select a category, like Plant diagnostic.
- A new page will be displayed with a listing for assorted plants, such as Lawns.
- Click on the type of problem and a new page will be displayed with symptoms and possible causes with photos.
- Browse the causes for each symptom and click on "go" to select that cause; or if there is more than one cause use the pull down menu to go to the other cause.
- From there simply read the information, on the problem and solution that appears.
- You can go to another plant part by selecting "from the menu" at the top of the page.



The custom search engine works much like Google, but only searches within the Plant Diagnostic Site. Enter a key word or phrase and it will return all relevant results.

Send A Question



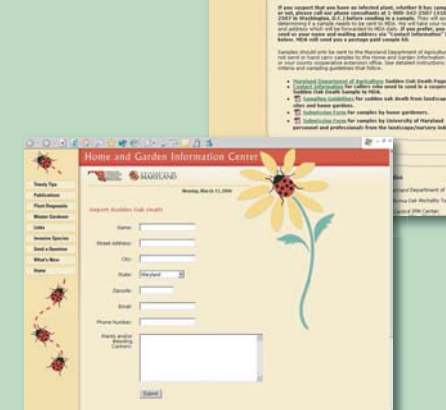
You can send us a gardening question and even attach a photo! Web technology has automated this process and we usually responded within a day.

Stats for email service – 2005:
(States that submitted gardening/pest questions in 2005.)

California – 35	Pennsylvania – 63
District of Columbia – 41	Virginia – 34
Maryland – 2,472	All other states – 249
New Jersey – 34	Non-US – 32
New York – 65	Total – 3,025

"Invasives" section

The "Invasives" page highlights important issues such as Sudden Oak Death. A new feature of the page is a form that allows users to request a sudden oak death sample kit directly from the Maryland Department of Agriculture.



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Our Plant Diagnostic site has been completely redesigned. The new site is database driven with dynamic web pages and a custom search engine which will make it easier for you to find information.

