1. Prior to collecting a sample, we encourage you to take digital images showing overall symptoms and patterns of disease. Submit images to the Clinic at ppclnc@clemson.edu or to Diagnostician, Meg Williamson, at mwllmsn@clemson.edu.

2. For the sample, choose symptomatic turf with active disease for submission. It is much more complicated and difficult to accurately diagnose a disease after it has been treated with a fungicide. If you must treat, collect a sample prior to treatment.

3. Collect the sample from the margin of affected patches with the majority of turf in the sample coming from affected area.

4. Submit sufficient turf for diagnosis: a 4 to 6 inch sample using a cup cutter for golf turf is ideal. Submit at least 2 plugs from affected areas to make up a representative sample. Include the root zone in the sample. Avoid collecting samples with wet leaves. Samples from different greens will normally be considered as separate samples with a per sample fee charged for each.

5. Wrap the soil and root zone securely with aluminum foil to prevent soil from dislodging and contaminating the foliage during shipment. Generally, samples should be enclosed in a plastic bag and then packed securely with packing material in a sturdy shipment box.

6. Ship overnight or arrange to submit the samples in person. Avoid shipping on a Friday as samples may not be delivered when the clinic is open (8:00 to 4:30, Monday through Friday).

7. Complete the Commercial Turfgrass submission form obtained from the Clemson University Commercial Turf Clinic website: clemson.edu/turfclinic and include the completed form, along with payment, in the package with the submitted sample. If you have an account, make sure the account number is written on the form.

8. Delivery address:
Clemson University Plant Problem Clinic
511 Westinghouse Rd.
Pendleton, SC 29670
864-646-2133

9. Fees:
$50.00: In-state commercial turf samples
$100.00: Out-of-state commercial turf samples