

Instructions for Sending/Delivering

TICKS

For Identification

IMPORTANT

Samples will not be examined unless the below guidelines are followed and the attached information sheet is completely filled out

Specimens must reach us in good condition to make a positive identification possible. Please follow the directions below.

1. **DO NOT CRUSH SAMPLE.**
2. **DO NOT PLACE TAPE OVER SAMPLE.**
3. Only use tweezers to remove the tick from the body. Do not use alcohol, nail polish, hot matches, petroleum jelly, or other methods to remove ticks.
4. Put tick in a crush-proof film or medicine vial with a grass blade and a few drops of water.
5. Seal bottle with tape.
6. Put name, date and phone number.
7. If sending the sample, pack in crush-proof envelope or container.
8. **COMPLETE ATTACHED FORM IN FULL.**
9. **WE CANNOT TEST FOR LYME DISEASE. CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN.**
 - Tick samples will be examined as soon as possible. There will be a response by phone and mail. No fee is required. Please forward all samples along with a **SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** to: Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 42 Riva Avenue, Davidson Mill Pond Park, North Brunswick, NJ 08902
 - Tick samples can also be sent to the Plant Diagnostic Lab on Cook Campus, Rutgers University. There is a fee for each sample. More information about the service can be obtained through our office or their website at NJAES.Rutgers.edu/plantdiagnosticlab. Submission forms can be printed from the site and sent with the sample to the address provided on the form.

TICK IDENTIFICATION FORM

Date : _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Date Collected: _____

Property Characteristics (wooded, fields, etc.) _____

Number collected: _____

Comments: _____

Office Use:

Diagnosis/Recommendation: _____

Referral: _____

Flyers Sent: _____

Agent/Program Associate/Program Assistant/MG