

# Submitting Information and Digital Photos to Greenline

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# When submitting a plant question to Greenline, please include the following information to help us better serve you:

- 1. Type and age of plant (when was it planted?)
- 2. Specific problem or symptoms of problem
- 3. History of problem (patterns, treatments, etc)
- 4. Location of plant (soundside, oceanside, oceanfront, Roanoke Island, wooded lot, etc)
- 5. Environmental conditions (sun/shade, soil composition/supplementation, shelter from wind)
- 6. Detail any watering habits, fertilizer, herbicide or insecticide applications
- 7. Have you done a soil test?
- 8. Include a minimum of 3 photos: where it is planted (location), overall plant including good parts, plant part affected (see more details below)

#### Please allow up to a week for a response.

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### **Guidance for Submitting a Good Digital Photos**

- Submit only digital images that are clear and in focus. Use JPG or PDF, and do not send small size images as we need to zoom in to see details.
- Include 3 to 6 well-focused images that show: (1) the problem in the location (e.g. field, landscape, garden, helpful to see surrounding area) (2) the overall symptoms on the whole plant including healthy areas (3) close-up of the symptoms on an affected plant, including images of both leaf surfaces (top and bottom) if there are symptoms on leaves.
- Try to avoid strong shadows on the photos; outdoor images taken on a cloudy day are best. When taking pictures indoors, try to illuminate the plant from both sides to eliminate shadows in the photo and place on a neutral background.

## Example: Rosemary Problem







- Picture 1 Shows where the plant is situated
- Picture 2 Shows whole plant, including healthy areas

Picture 3 - Shows closeup of problem, there can be more photos here to show individual leaves, insects, etc.

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