

LVN Testing Protocol

Dr. Phil Harmon, Professor of Plant Pathology at the University of Florida provided the following guidelines for testing for LVN: "If you desire samples to indicate whether LVN is present, please use the standard diagnostic service at the UF IFAS Plant Diagnostic Center (\$50-\$55.00), or the service offered by the UF TREC lab in Homestead."

The testing site information can be found at the following link which takes you directly to the \$50.00 - \$55.00 LVN test form. It must test for LVN and not just the Sugar Cane Mosaic virus.

[TREC-CLINIC-ENGLISHFORM.pdf\(ufl.edu\)](#)

This is the U of Fla IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center site. The form and instructions can also be found under the Plant Diagnostic Clinic tab, then submissions, turf/grass, #4 that has the link to the submission form.

Additionally, if you wish to submit a sample for testing, you **must have Florida Image actually pull the appropriate specimen from your lawn, bag it, complete the appropriate form for testing, and send it for testing under your supervision.** (There may be an additional charge for postage and handling). It is recommended that submissions be mailed early in the week so that the sample does sit unopened over a weekend.

Since LVN typically only shows itself during the cooler months of October – December tests must be done during this timeframe. If you receive a letter and wish to have your lawn tested you must do it while the symptoms of LVN are still present and showing.