

## **Blackberry & Raspberry Leaf Sampling Instructions:**

1. Sample New Leaves and Old Leaves *SEPARATELY* and place into *individually labeled bags*.
  - a. New = newest recently-mature growth from the top of the plant.
  - b. Old = oldest still-viable growth from the base of the plant.



**New**



**Old**



**Remove Petiole**

2. Select a representative field sample of a new leaf and an old leaf from 15-20 plants of the same cultivar and growing conditions. Each sample (new and old) should *fill a 1qt plastic bag about halfway*.
3. Remove petioles, and all other non-leaf plant material from sample leaves.
4. Complete a [Sampling Label](#) (linked), including contact info, crop, cultivar, and new/old leaf. Affix labels to the *outside* of each sealable plastic sample bag. *(Do not use paper bags or include paper in bags)*
5. Cold Packs and/or insulated packaging are recommended when shipping *leaf samples* in warm conditions. Wrap frozen cold-packs in paper to insulate them from direct contact with samples.
6. Mail samples to:

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Canby, OR 97013**

## **Tips for best results:**

1. Obtain optimal plant health by conducting *5 Leaf Extract Analyses* throughout the growing.
2. Always sample at a consistent time of day, preferably prior to 10 am to ensure minimal transpiration - about two hours after sunrise is optimal.
3. Ensure samples are as clean as possible - dew, dirt, dust, and fertilizers can affect test accuracy.
  - o If samples are not clean, wash leaves with clean, non-chlorinated cold water.
4. Ensure samples are surface-dry (**not dried out**) before bagging - dew, rain, and condensation affect accuracy.
  - o If samples are not dry, please dry with paper towel or air dry to ensure leaves are not wet in sample bag.
  - o **Please do NOT leave paper towels (or anything that will dry out leaves) in bags with samples.**