

Southwood Solution Center

The Southwood Solution Center is staffed by gardening enthusiasts whose goal is to help you solve all sorts of gardening problems, from pest and disease issues to plant identification. They're also happy to provide tips and suggestions on pruning, proper planting dates, plant selection, weed control, and virtually any other gardening topic. Many common gardening questions can be answered relatively quickly over the phone. However, keep in mind that diagnosing specific plant problems and identifying specific plants can be challenging, especially by phone. That's why we encourage you to visit our Solution Center.

Feel free to bring a sample of a plant you need identified, or one that you think may be suffering from a pest or disease problem. If possible, include several leaves and a section of the stem, and place the samples in a sealed plastic bag. Or, if you prefer, take pictures using a smart phone. Include several shots from various angles, and don't forget close-ups. Bring the pictures to us or email them to info@southwoodnursery.com.

In many cases, the problem may be due to growing conditions -- lack of sunlight, poor watering practices, poor soil, etc. So when you arrive, be prepared to answer a number of questions, particularly the following:

- Type of plant
- Approximate planting date
- When the problem first appeared
- Exposure (north side of house, for example)
- Watering method (by hand, or automatic irrigation)
- Watering schedule (days per week, time of day, and duration)
- Soil type (sandy, heavy clay, etc.)

Despite our best efforts, we occasionally get stumped. But we'll gladly take your name and phone number or email address and contact you once we've had a chance to confer with our colleagues. Our goal, after all, is to help you find a solution to your problem.