

February 1, 2006

Tony's Grove
Tony Selley
3915 North U.S. Hwy 91
Hyde Park, UT 84318

Dear Tony,

For the majority of home gardeners, their first introduction to insect, disease and weed diagnosis and control is through local nurseries, garden centers and pest control professionals.

In the past recommendations for pest control was a list of chemicals. Today an integrated approach has been adopted and presented to control pests using a combined means to reduce pests to tolerable levels while maintaining a quality environment. However, the majority of green industry employees still rely on the long-established tradition of chemical applications to solve problems in the landscape.

USU Extension agents are routinely asked to identify plant problems, offer solutions and if a client has already visited with a garden center professional and is dissatisfied with the diagnosis and cure, Extension Agents are asked to fix the problem. Green industry professionals must first have current, correct information available to share in order to supply reliable pest control information to consumers.

USU Extension, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food is conducting a Plant Diagnostic Training on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 in Logan for all Garden Center/Nursery owners and employees, pesticide applicators and others who give recommendations for pest control in the landscape.

We invite you and any employees who may wish to attend a training session and join us for lunch. In addition to instruction we will also provide each business with a manual containing up to date information on plant disease, pests and product information at a cost of \$15. Pesticide license CEU's will be offered for attending the training.

Sincerely,

Loralie Cox
USU Extension Horticulture Agent
Cache County