

# Protect Minnesota's Forests and Agriculture

# Arrest *the* Pest



## 1 Take pictures

of the pest or disease and the immediate area on which it was found, and notes

of the surroundings. Note the exact location of the pest.

### Insects

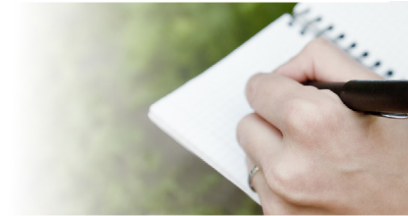
Take pictures and notes of the plants on which the insect was found. Note any unique markings on the insect. If possible, place a coin or other easily recognizable object next to the insect to compare the size.

### Plants

Take pictures of flowers and leaves.

### Diseases

Note the species of plant (if known) on which you find the disease. Take pictures of the disease as well as any fruit, seeds, leaves or flowers of the host plant.



## 2 Capture

the insect, if possible, or take a sample of the plant.

TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BEFORE HANDLING ANY INSECTS OR PLANTS. Some organisms cause allergic reactions, skin irritation, or may sting or bite. Wear gloves when handling insects and plants.

Put the insect, disease, or plant sample in a sealed plastic bag and place in your freezer. It will not contaminate anything else in the freezer.



## 3 Report

findings to **Arrest the Pest** using any of the following methods:

### Upload photos and attach them to an email.

Write a short description of what you saw and where you saw it. Make sure to include your contact information! Send to [arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us](mailto:arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us).

### Use our new user-friendly smartphone/tablet app.

Submit your discovery within minutes of finding the pest. Download this free Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN) app from the Google Play Store or Apple AppStore.

### Call Arrest the Pest at 1-888-545-6684.

Leave a detailed message that includes your name, location, contact number, and the type of pest that you want to report. The voicemail will be forwarded to the agency in charge of that pest.