

UGA Wilde Laboratory

Aquatic plant sample collection protocol

IMPORTANT: Prior to collecting and shipping specimens, please contact us to obtain a copy of our APHIS permit that **MUST** be included with your shipment.

Plant sample collection:

- Collect hydrilla sample from at or below surface, squeeze excess water out, and place in a ziplock bag. A small sandwich-size bag is plenty for screening purposes. Please be sure to *only* include vegetation.
- Label the bag with site and date info
- Please include with submission:
 - The location of each site (approximate location on reservoir is fine, GPS is great!)
 - Any water quality data that you're equipped to measure in the field (DO, turbidity, ph, temp, etc)

Shipping:

- Place the sealed sample bag(s) in a cooler with the APHIS permit, a coldpack, tape the cooler shut, place it inside a box and mail* it to:

Dr. Susan Wilde
Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
180 East Green Street
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602-2152

- Additional contact info:
Susan Wilde
Work: 706-542-3346
Cell: 706-247-5912
Email: swilde@uga.edu
- *We prefer to use FedEx next-day shipping, but if this is cost prohibitive just send as quickly as possible
- Please call or email to let us know to anticipate your shipment and include the tracking number, if possible.

THANK YOU! We appreciate your help in monitoring the range of the *Aetokthonos hydrillicola* cyanobacteria and other potentially harmful algae!