

## Twenty Questions to Ask When Diagnosing Plant Problems

- 1) What is the plant?
- 2) What is normal for the plant?
- 3) What are common and/or specific problems for the plant?
- 4) What do you see that looks abnormal?
- 5) What is the overall health of the plant?
- 6) What exactly do you see?
- 7) What do you see on other plants?
- 8) What is the site?
- 9) Who knows about the plants?
- 10) When did the symptoms first appear?
- 11) What is the horticultural history?
- 12) What is the environmental history?
- 13) What does the client think the problem is?
- 14) What diagnostic tools are useful?
- 15) What additional resources are available?
- 16) How do you take samples?
- 17) What else?
- 18) What is your diagnosis?
- 19) What is the significance of the problem?
- 20) What are your recommendations?