

# PestFacts

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## Sending in an insect for identification

Our insect identification service is a reliable way of positively identifying beneficial and pest insects.

If you are a grower or adviser in Victoria or NSW, and you are working with broadacre crops or pastures, we can assist you with an insect (or other invertebrate) identification.

Prior to sending in insects, please contact us first:

0484 310 697 or [pestfacts@cesaraustralia.com](mailto:pestfacts@cesaraustralia.com)

How to send in live samples:

1. Place fresh specimens in a non-crushable plastic container. Not all plastics are equally strong. We have found that plastic takeaway containers are not ideal as they often break in the mail (see images on next page).
2. Send multiple individuals. A sample of 10 specimens will do for larger insects such as caterpillars and beetles. For smaller invertebrates such as mites and aphids, > 30 individuals can be sent by harvesting and sending us the infested foliage.
3. Place a tissue or piece of paper towel in the container to absorb excess moisture.
4. Include some of the insect's host plant as food for the journey.
5. Send the sample via Express Post

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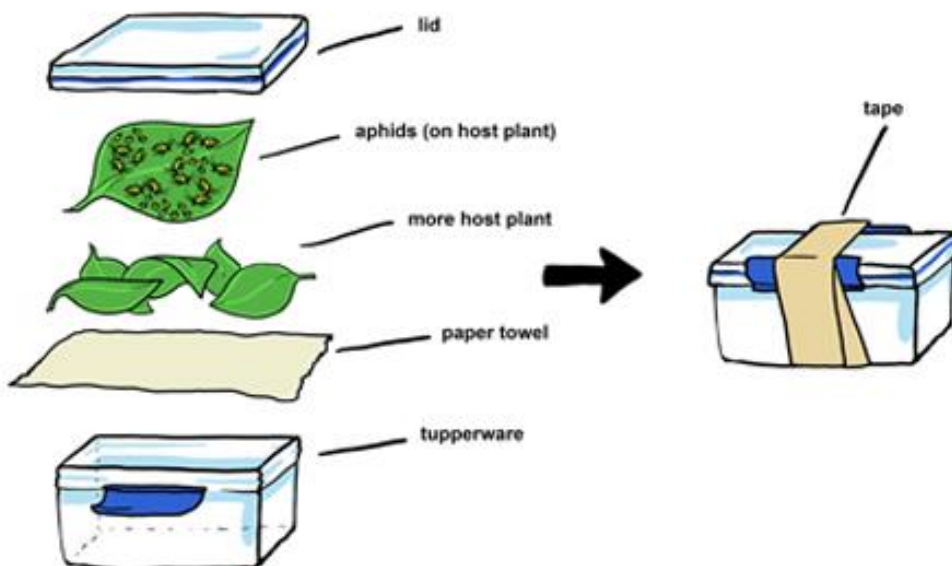
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Examples of non-crushable plastic containers to send in live insects.



How to send in small insects (e.g. aphids) correctly.

