

FBMG Help Desk  
**Question of the Week**

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**Help us help you!**

*More information is better!*

**Help Desk**

A close-up photograph of a computer keyboard. The focus is on a large, blue key that has the words "Help Desk" printed in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the text is a white icon of a mouse cursor arrow pointing towards the top-left. The key is set against a background of other grey and white keys, which are slightly out of focus.



# As the Saying Goes!

## *A picture is worth a thousand words!*

*Photos in context are helpful!*

*The photo provides additional information.*

- *Take photos from different angles*
  - *right, left, looking down, looking up*
- *Include the whole plant*
- *Photograph the insect while it is alive*
- *Take photos up close and from far away*
  - *a close up of the subject*
  - *a photo of the whole subject*
- *Include something for reference/scale such as a measuring tape, pack of gum, a coin, golf ball, finger/hand etc*
- *A photo of the adjacent area such as*
  - *the plant next to it*
  - *the mulch*
  - *any other insects in the area*







## *Tell the Story!*



### *Helpful information to include.*



*When did it start?*

*What does it look like?*

*How much of the plant/lawn is affected?*

*What kind of mulch is there?*

*How often and how long is the area watered?*

*Is there an irrigation system, a hose with a sprinkler?*

*What is the sun exposure?*



# I Found this in my Garden!

## *What is it?*

If possible get a few more photos from different angles,  
as well as something for scale.

### **Information to Include**

- *Where was it found?*
  - *On a plant*
    - *What kind of plant? include it in the photo,*
  - *On a flower pot, patio, in the grass etc*
- *Was it by itself or were there others?*
  - *If there were others how many?*
- *What time of day did you find it?*
- *What was near by?*
- *How big was it?*
- *Do you still have it?*

Any other pertinent information.





# What is this weed?

## *A few items of information to include.*



- Where was it found?
- What is around it?
- Is it a sunny or shady spot?
- When was it found?
- How many of them are there?
- Is it a dry or damp area of the yard?

*Has this area recently been treated with anything?*

*If so what was it?*

*Weed, Feed, Herbicide - which one?*

*How frequently?*

*When was it used?*

*In the photo*

*Make sure to include the whole plant as well as a close up of the leaves.*

*Make sure to include the immediate surrounding area.*





*Do you have questions  
about your home  
landscape and plants?*

*Contact the Fort Bend  
Master Gardener Help Desk*

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*The Help Desk is manned  
Monday thru Friday,  
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