

## Diseases of Specific Florist Crops

Keeping florist crops free of disease requires constant care and planning. Prevention is the basis of freedom from disease and should be an integral part of the general cultural program. The symptoms of the diseases of major florist crops are described individually by crop in a series of fact sheets.

### Gardenia (*Gardenia jasminoides*)

- Canker (*Phomopsis gardeniae*): Swollen stem base; yellow discoloration beneath the bark.
- Bacterial leaf spot (*Pseudomonas gardeniae*): Leaf spots ranging from pinpoint dots to rounded brown spots (1/4 in. diameter) with water-soaked margins. Remove infested leaves.
- Root-knot nematodes: Swollen, knobby areas (galls) on a stunted root system. Discard infested plants.