

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.

Hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*)

- Botrytis storage mold: Bud rot. Proper ventilation during storage is important. Fungicide sprays before and/or during storage may be helpful.
- Powdery mildew: White fuzzy patches on foliage.
- Root rot (*Pythium* sp.): Stunted or wilting plants with root discoloration.
- Virescence (phytoplasma): Green flowers or witches'-broom growth pattern. Destroy affected plants.