

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.

Kalanchoe (*Kalanchoe blossfeldiana*)

- Basal stem rot (*Rhizoctonia*): Brown canker at stem base, grayish discoloration, and wilting of foliage.
- Stem rot (*Rhizopus* sp.): Collapsed stem portions bearing sporulation typical of the *Rhizopus* fungus.
- Powdery mildew: Dark bronze patches on the foliage; the white mycelial growth that is typical of powdery mildew infections on other plants is generally less evident.