



Preventing Plant Diseases

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Prevention is always the best remedy. Good SANITATION is the best prevention and control method for problems caused by disease-causing microorganisms and many insects.

- **Inspect all in-coming plant material.**
Refuse shipments that appear to include diseased or infested plants.
- **Sanitize cutting, planting and pruning tools before each use & between plants.**
Any plant tissues infected with disease

When watering, avoid wetting the foliage if possible.

This splashes and spreads fungal spores and bacteria to adjacent plants. Water early in the day so foliage has time to dry before evening. Cool, wet conditions promote growth of fungi.

- **Whenever possible, try to reduce the relative humidity and increase air circulation.**