this month in diseases

salvia

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Disease	Pathogen	Stage of crop	Best cultural controls	Best product controls, based mainly on Chase Research trials
Corynespora leaf spot	Corynespora cassiicola	Anytime	Manage irrigation and keep leaves dry.	Many broad-spectrum products including chlorothalonil, fludioxinil, mancozeb and strobilurins (like Heritage and Pageant)
Crown gall	Agrobacterium tumefaciens	Anytime; new infections through wounds, such as cutting wounds.	Never use cuttings that have galls and do not propagate from plants with galls.	None known effective.
Downy mildew	Peronospora Iamii	Anytime: plug trays to mature plants	Do not irrigate overnight; space plants and scout regularly.	Phosphonates (like Aliette), Stature and strobilurins (like Heritage and Insignia)
Fusarium root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	All stages	Do not over-water; use only new pots and potting medium.	Medallion, strobilurins (like Heritage) and Terraguard
Myrothecium petiole rot	Myrothecium roridum	Mainly found on rooting cuttings	Avoid wounding and minimize time under mist.	Strobilurins (like Compass O and Insignia). Medallion and Terraguard also work well but delay rooting on some crops.
Pseudomonas leaf spot	Pseudomonas cichorii	Anytime but especially during warmer weather	Do not overhead irrigate; keep leaves as dry as possible.	Copper (like Camelot, CuPRO and Phyton 27) alternated with Cease
Rhizoctonia root and stem rot	Rhizoctonia solani	All stages of production but especially during rooting	Use well-draining potting media; manage water carefully; use new potting media and pots.	Medallion, thiophanate methyl (like 3336), strobilurins (like Heritage) and Veranda O as a sprench or drench
Rust	<i>Puccinia</i> sp.	Late in production or in the landscape	Scout for symptoms and avoid crowding.	Strobilurins (like Heritage), sterol inhibitors (like Hoist and Strike) and mancozeb (preventive only)
Sclerotinia blight	Sclerotinia sclerotiorum	Late in production	Avoid crowding.	Pageant alternated with Medallion, Chipco 26019 or Daconil

In this issue, we present a summary of diseases that occur in salvia. Remember: **Product** controls are based on research trials and do not reflect an endorsement of any sort.

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