Plant Health and YOUR GARDEN

Plant diseases can reduce produce from home gardens and damage lawns and trees. You can expect to spend between $250 and $1,800 to remove a diseased tree. **Have a certified arborist inspect your trees to prevent problems.**

Gardens on rooftops and vacant lots in urban areas **increase access to produce, raise property values, reduce stormwater runoff,** and provide other social and environmental benefits.

You can become a Master Gardener by learning about garden management and leading community volunteer projects. **Visit your local extension office** to learn more about this program.

Keep plants in your garden healthy with these **easy management techniques:** Water in the morning to avoid overnight leaf wetness. Rotate where you plant different veggies each year. Keep a close eye on plants so you can solve problems early.

Do you have a pest problem in your garden? The National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) includes labs from nearly every state that specialize in plant disease and insect diagnostics. **Learn more at the NPDN website** (www.npdn.org/home).

**Basil Downy Mildew**
- Basil production in the United States has a retail market value of over $300 million.
- Downy mildew is an important disease of basil. Leaves that would be harvested develop large brown spots with fuzz on their undersides.
- The disease has caused tens of millions of dollars of damage to commercial basil production in the United States since 2007 and also destroys basil leaves in home gardens.
- Plant scientists have developed new disease-resistant varieties that you can plant in your garden.


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