

Solutions to Indoor Plant Problems

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Problem	Correction Actions
Anthracnose	Trim bad leaves, avoid splashing, treat with Compass, Phyton 27 or Cleary 3336
Bent-tip	No cure or treatment known
Bud mites, mites	Applications of Floramite, Insecticidal Soap or Triact 70 might help
Chemical phytotoxicity	Try new products on a few plants to avoid widespread damage
Chilling injury, cold damage	Maintain temperatures above 55 F, do not place directly by a door or window - maintain irrigation water at room temperature
Chimera	Trim leaves with symptom if you like or discard plant
Coniothyrium leaf spot	Remove damaged leaves - no new spots should develop indoors
Copper deficiency	Feed with a small amount of minor element mix or fertilizer with minors
Crinkle leaf	No known treatment or cure, will not spread
Cylindrocladium rot and petiole rot	Discard symptomatic plants, treat those without symptoms with Terraguard
Dasheen Mosaic	Discard plant, aphids can spread this virus to other areas
Desiccation, drought	Maintain even watering, trim damaged areas
Edema	Avoid excess irrigation when conditions are cold
Erwinia blight	Trim bad leaves, avoid splashing, treat with Phyton 27
Fusarium rot or leaf spot	Treat with Cleary 3336 or Terraguard
Low fertilizer, deficiency	Supply dilute balanced fertilizer
Mealybug	Treat with Azatin XL, Insecticidal Soap, Marathon II, Naturalis-O or Triact 70
Phomopsis dieback	Trim dead branches, eventually the tree will die
Phytophthora stem rot	Discard damaged plants - treat plants without symptoms with Quell, Subdue Maxx or Terrazole
Pink rot	Trim damaged areas, treat with Terraguard or Cleary 3336
Powdery mildew	Treat with Compass, Phyton 27, Terraguard or Triact 70
Pseudocercospora leaf spot	Trim damaged leaves, treat with Cleary 3336 if desired (no new spots should develop indoors)
Pythium root rot	Do not over-water, provide good drainage, treat with Quell, Subdue Maxx or Terrazole
Scale insects	Treat with Decathlon, Triact 70, Precision IGR or Insecticidal Soap
Spores (fern fronds)	No known prevention available
Sunburn	Change light exposure slowly to allow leaves to adjust to brighter light - do not place in direct light
Tip and edge burn	Leach to remove excess nutrients, maintain medium pH at 6-7
Xanthomonas blight	Same as Erwinia Blight

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