

Westside Garden Club

New and Emerging Plant Diseases

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New and Emerging Plant Diseases Red Star Rust

- Pathogen: *Gymnosporangium yamadae*
- Hosts
 - Junipers
 - *Juniperus chinensis*
 - *Juniperus chinensis* var. *procumbens*
 - *Juniperus chienensis* var. *sargentii*
 - *Juniperus squamata*

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- Hosts
 - *Malus* spp.
 - *M. asiatica*
 - *M. halliana*
 - *M. platycarpa*
 - *M. pumila* var. *domestica*
 - *M. spontanea*
 - *M. toringo*
 - *M. yannanensis*
 - *M. baccata*
 - *M. micromalus*
 - *M. prunifolia*
 - *M. scheideckeri*
 - *M. theifera*
 - *M. transitoria*
- Favorable environment: Wet weather



New and Emerging Plant Diseases Red Star Rust

- Control
 - Grow only junipers or rosaceous hosts
 - Carefully inspect junipers prior to purchase
 - Remove galls
 - Decontaminate pruning tools (70% alcohol, disinfectants, bleach)

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Red Star Rust

- Control
 - Destroy infected materials
 - Burn (where allowed)
 - Deep bury
 - DO NOT use fungicides
 - Contact the PDDC if you suspect you have seen this disease

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Boxwood Blight

- Pathogen
 - *Calonectria pseudonaviculata*
 - *Cylindrocladium pseudonaviculatum*
(*Cylindrocladium buxicola*)
- Hosts
 - Boxwood
 - Pachysandra
- Favorable Environment: Cool, wet weather



New and Emerging Plant Diseases Boxwood Blight

- Control
 - Be cautious about holiday wreaths
 - Use shrubs other than boxwood
 - Buy locally produced boxwood
 - Buy from a reputable supplier

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Boxwood Blight

- Control
 - Grow resistant varieties
 - Hybrid boxwood
 - ‘Green Gem’
 - ‘Karzgreen’ (Green Ice®)
 - Littleleaf boxwood
 - ‘Compacta’
 - ‘John Baldwin’
 - ‘Little Missy’
 - ‘Northern Emerald’

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Boxwood Blight

- Control
 - Grow resistant varieties
 - Japanese littleleaf boxwood
 - ‘Eseles’ (Wedding Ring®)
 - ‘Green Beauty’
 - ‘Gregem’ (Baby Gem™)
 - ‘Jim Stauffer’
 - ‘Peergold’ (Golden Dream™)
 - ‘SB108’ (NewGen Independence®)
 - ‘SB300’ (NewGen Freedom®)
 - ‘Winter Gem’

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Boxwood Blight

- Control
 - Grow resistant varieties
 - Korean littleleaf boxwood
 - ‘Franklin’s Gem’
 - ‘Nana’
 - ‘Pincushion’
 - ‘Wee Willie’
 - ‘Winter Beauty’
 - ‘Wintergreen’

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Boxwood Blight

- Control
 - Avoid symptomatic plants
 - DO NOT replant in an area where boxwood blight has been a problem
 - Keep new plants isolated
 - Space plants far apart
 - DO NOT overhead water
 - Prune out diseased branches

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Boxwood Blight

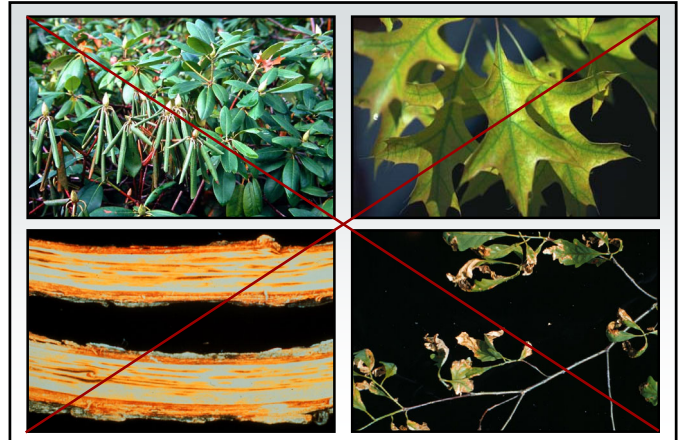
- Control
 - Decontaminate pruning tools (70% alcohol, commercial disinfectants)
 - Remove and destroy infected plants
 - Burn (where allowed)
 - Deep bury (two feet)/Double bag and landfill
 - DO NOT compost

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Boxwood Blight

- Control
 - Use fungicides to prevent infections
 - Chlorothalonil (alone or with propiconazole or thiophanate-methyl), fludioxonil, metconazole, tebuconazole
 - Alternate active ingredients (FRAC codes)
 - Apply at 7-day intervals
 - Contact the PDDC if you suspect you have infected boxwoods

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Ramorum Blight (Sudden Oak Death)

- Pathogen: *Phytophthora ramorum*
- Hosts
 - A wide range of woody and herbaceous ornamentals
 - Rhododendrons/Azaleas
 - Roses ('Double Red Knockout')
 - Viburnums
 - Lilacs
 - Oaks



New and Emerging Plant Diseases Ramorum Blight (Sudden Oak Death)

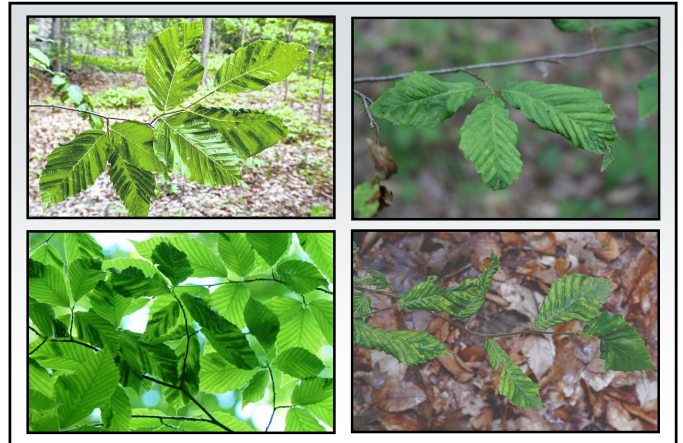
- Control
 - Buy woody ornamentals from a reputable source
 - Inspect plants prior to purchase for symptoms of sudden oak death
 - Keep new plants isolated from established plants

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Ramorum Blight (Sudden Oak Death)

- Control
 - Remove and destroy infected plants
 - Decontaminate (70% alcohol, bleach, commercial disinfectants)
 - Contact the PDDC if you believe you have seen this disease

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Beech Leaf Disease

- Pathogen: *Litylenchus crenatae* subsp. *mccannii*
- Hosts
 - American beech
 - European beech
 - Asian beech
- Favorable environment: None



New and Emerging Plant Diseases Beech Leaf Disease

- Control
 - Limit movement of beech wood
 - Avoid symptomatic nursery stock
 - Remove affected trees
 - Hope for eventual resistant varieties
 - Contact the PDDC if you believe you have seen this disease

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Thousand Cankers Disease

- Pathogen: *Geosmithia morbida*
- Hosts
 - Black walnut
 - Other walnuts
- Favorable Environment: None
- Transmission
 - Walnut twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*)



New and Emerging Plant Diseases Thousand Cankers Disease

- **Control**
 - DO NOT transport walnut wood/products from areas known to have the disease
 - Remove and destroy affected trees (burn)
 - No effective fungicide strategies known
 - No effective insecticide strategies known
 - Contact the PDDC if you believe you have seen this disease

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Late Blight

- **Pathogen:** *Phytophthora infestans*
- **Hosts**
 - Potato
 - Tomato
- **Favorable environment:** Cool, wet weather



New and Emerging Plant Diseases Late Blight

- **Control**
 - Remove any infected plants and plant parts
 - Infected tomato/potato plants including fruits and tubers
 - Volunteer tomato and potato plants
 - Weed hosts
 - Destroy any infected plants and plant parts
 - Burn (where allowed)
 - Double bag and landfill

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Late Blight

- **Control**
 - DO NOT use last year's potatoes as seed
 - DO use certified seed potatoes
 - Grow resistant tomato varieties
 - "Late Blight Management in Tomato with Resistant Varieties"
(<https://eorganic.org/node/10822>)

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Late Blight

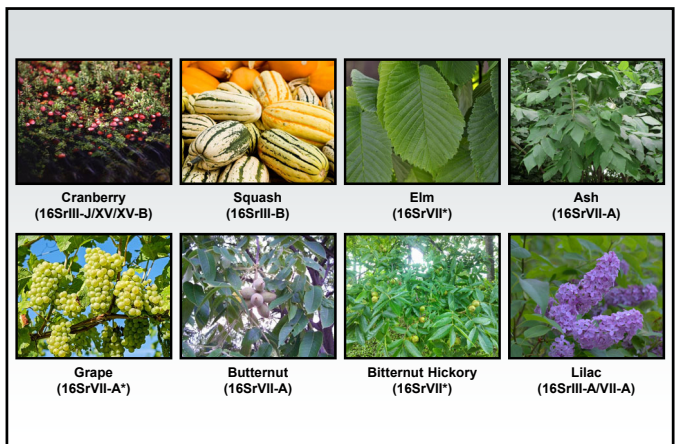
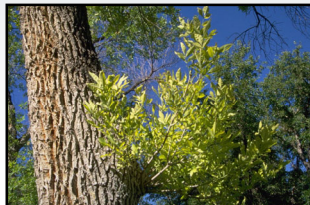
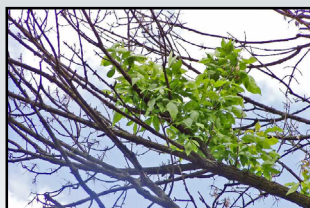
- **Control**
 - Use fungicides to prevent infections
 - Chlorothalonil, copper, mancozeb
 - Alternate active ingredients (FRAC codes)
 - Start applications based on Blitecast (<https://wisconsinpotatoes.com/blog-news/>)
 - Apply at 7-14 day intervals
 - Contact the PDDC if you believe you have seen this disease

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Phytoplasma Diseases

- **Examples**
 - Aster yellows
 - Ash yellows
- **Pathogens: Miscellaneous phytoplasmas**
- **Hosts**
 - Many herbaceous plants (aster yellows)
 - Ash, lilac (ash yellows)
 - “The more you look, the more you find.”

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Phytoplasma Diseases

- **Favorable environment: None**
- **Transmission: Leafhoppers**



New and Emerging Plant Diseases Phytoplasma Diseases

- Control
 - Remove infected plants
 - Destroy infected materials
 - Compost
 - Bury
 - Burn (where allowed)
 - Avoid growing susceptible plants
 - Use insecticides for leafhopper control (?)

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Southern Blight

- Pathogen: *Sclerotium rolfsii*
- Hosts
 - Many herbaceous annuals and perennials
 - Hosta
 - Bedding plants
 - Some woody ornamentals
- Favorable environment: Warm, wet weather



New and Emerging Plant Diseases Southern Blight

- Control
 - DO NOT buy infected/infested plants
 - Avoid cocoa mulch (?)
 - Remove infected plants, mulch and soil (Double bag and landfill)
 - Disinfest contaminated materials (70% alcohol, disinfectants, bleach)

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Southern Blight

- Control
 - Amend soil with organic matter (?)
 - Use fungicides for control
 - Contract with a professional pesticide applicator
 - Azoxystrobin, flutolanil, flutolanil + thiophanate-methyl, PCNB, tebuconazole, triadimefon
 - Alternate active ingredients (FRAC codes)
 - Apply at 14 – 28 day intervals
 - Pray for a really, really, REALLY cold winter

New and Emerging Plant Diseases Where to Go for Help

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