

Pest Problems of Broccoli, Cabbage and Cauliflower



Black Rot

Bacterial Pathogen



Gray Leaf Spot

Fungal Pathogen



Do not save seed from infected plants.

Purchase high quality seed. Some companies certify seed to be disease free.

Use drip irrigation. Space plants for good air movement and drying.

Do not work in plants when wet.

Control weeds in and around crop.

Remove or till under infected plants after harvest.

Do not plant Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Kohl Rabi, Brussels Sprouts, Turnip or Rutabaga in the same location for 3-4 years.

Cabbage Maggots



Do not use animal or green manure in spring.

Delay planting crucifers (until after June 1).

Remove and destroy host plants in fall.

Use row covers in spring.

When using row covers, do not plant crucifers in same area two years in a row.



Cutworms



Remove weeds and plant residue.

Till garden before planting.

Place cardboard collars or aluminum foil around stems when planting transplants.

Flea Beetles



Plant as late as possible.

Control weeds and remove old plants.

Use a fine meshed fabric to cover plants.

Caterpillars—Cabbage Loppers and Cabbageworm



Destroy old plants after harvest.

Handpick caterpillars and place them in a container of soapy water.

Cover plants with a row cover (light weight fabric) until harvest.



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