

Diseases of Specific Florist Crops

Keeping florist crops free of disease requires constant care and planning. Prevention is the basis of freedom from disease and should be an integral part of the general cultural program. The symptoms of the diseases of major florist crops are described individually by crop in a series of fact sheets.

Freesia (*Freesia refracta*)

- Fusarium wilt: Plants turn yellow, wilt, and die. Corms show pink to brown discoloration.
- Fluoride injury: Dark streaking and tip dieback in foliage of plants, especially when grown at low pH. Increase pH to 6.0 to 6.5 for symptom reduction, and eliminate sources of fluoride (fluoridated water, perlite, etc.).