

Cane Spot



This disease can first be seen from May onwards on the leaves and canes of raspberries, blackberries and hybrid berries.

DAMAGE:

The disease first occurs on the lower parts of the canes and spreads upwards, appearing as small purple spots which enlarge into circular spots on the leaves and elliptical spots on the canes. Later the centres of the spots turn silvery white in colour but retain their purple margins. Severe infections on the leaves can stunt growth, and cause die back. The disease can also severely affect yields and disfigure the fruits. The new canes become infected from the fruiting ones on which the fungus has passed the winter.

CONTROL:

Non Chemical Control

Badly spotted canes should be cut out and burned in the autumn.

Chemical Control

There are no approved chemicals available to the amateur gardener for use on this disease.

USE CHEMICALS SAFELY: ALWAYS READ THE LABEL

When using chemicals it is most important to follow the manufacturer's instructions precisely. Only use on the fruits that are listed on the manufacturer's label. An accurate weighing machine and measuring cylinder should be obtained. Chemicals can be wasted by making concentrations unnecessarily strong or by making them too weak and ineffective. Furthermore, if chemicals are too strong they may cause damage to the foliage.