

## Quince Leaf Blight

This problem affects quince and occasionally pears and medlars. It is caused by a fungus which may over winter on infected shoots.



### DAMAGE

Numerous dark spots appear on the leaves. These soon turn black and may join together. The foliage then turns yellow and then brown and often fall prematurely. Occasionally similar spots develop on the fruit, and Brown Rot often gains entry causing the fruit to rot. Shoot tips may also be infected and develop dieback.

### CONTROL

#### Non chemical control

Rake up and burn any fallen leaves and remove any infected stems, leaves and fruit. Apply a feed to encourage the tree to produce more foliage.

#### Chemical Control

Unfortunately there are no chemicals listed to control this disease.

### 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.