

Red Apple– Downy Mildew

Historically, Red Apple has been widely grown due to its hardiness, however; recently there have been many cases of a new Downy Mildew disease throughout the region.

Downy mildew is commonly known as a secondary invader which attacks weak or stressed plant material. Commonly it's promoted by several environmental factors such as sun exposure (shade), frequent overhead irrigation, excessive fertilizing, or age of the plant.

Downy mildew on Red Apple will promote leaf discoloration, spotting and/or die back, and eventually kill the entire stem and plant creating "dead patches" throughout an area.



Along with treatment with a specific systemic fungicide program, ensuring ideal growing conditions, and proper fertilization is key to recovery and long term health. In addition any areas that are severely damaged should be removed and re-planted.

Prevention is also a great plan if the red apple is not showing any or advanced signs of Downy Mildew. Application of our fungicide program, along with proper watering and fertilizing can help reduce the potential of outbreak of this aggressive Mildew.



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