

Powdery Mildew

Disease Profile

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Powdery mildew is a disease caused by a fungus that attacks woody landscape ornamentals such as crapemyrtle, dogwood, and euonymus. This disease is primarily an aesthetic problem that causes plant distortions and premature defoliation. The effects of this disease are usually seen during the latter part of the summer and are usually of no serious consequence. White fuzzy patches that appear on leaf surfaces are the most easily recognizable symptom. The fungus usually becomes established in the spring when leaves remain wet for just a few hours. Minimizing leaf wetness, planting resistant varieties, and removing infected leaves are useful methods of controlling this disease. Several fungicides are registered for this disease, however, application frequency and coverage may not be cost effective.

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