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Amaryllis Leaf Scorch

Today on Gardening in a Minute: amaryllis leaf scorch.

Amaryllis is a great bulb to add to the Florida garden, but occasionally it's attacked by diseases.

Leaf scorch usually occurs on shaded plants that are frequently irrigated.

Red spots appear on the flower stalks and leaves. Infected leaves and flower stems are deformed or bent at the point of attack.

The spores of the leaf scorch fungus are carried on the bulbs. Consequently, the leaves and flower stalks which push up from infected bulbs may become diseased. When purchasing or dividing amaryllis, avoid bulbs with dark reddish-brown spots or large rotted areas.

Leaf scorch is difficult to control. Diseased bulbs, plants, or seedlings should be destroyed.

Prevent disease by using pasteurized potting soil and providing plants with the right growing conditions.

For more information about amaryllis leaf scorch and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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