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Common pests and diseases: Brussels Sprouts

When growing vegetables, it is always exciting to care for the plant throughout its growing phase and then harvest it for delicious recipes later on, but one thing to watch out for is pests and diseases. Different plants are susceptible to different types of pests and diseases, and it is important to make yourself aware so you can keep a watchful eye and also take any preventative methods to keep your plants safe throughout their lifespan.

Brussels sprouts can fall victim to several different pests and diseases.

Pests:

Like broccoli and cabbage, Brussels sprouts are a member of the Cole family and they are often affected by the same type of pests. The most common pests affecting Brussels sprouts are aphids, cutworms and many others.

Aphids are tiny insects with soft bodies, and they feed on the leaves' undersides. This will cause the leaves to wrinkle or become discolored. Spray the insects with water from the hose and that will knock them off. Use insecticidal soap or neem oil to treat the infestations.

Cutworms are another popular pest affecting Brussels sprouts, and they usually feed at night. To prevent this, you can plant seedlings instead of seeds and wrap collars around the stems to protect them.

To prevent most insects from hurting your young Brussels sprouts plants, utilize row



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covers and be sure to rotate your crops each year and don't plant Cole family crops in the same space for more than every three years, because certain pests can live in the soil and feed off the roots of these types of plants.

Leaf miners are another pest affecting Brussels sprouts. These are flies, but it is the larvae that cause the issues to the plants and not the flies themselves. The easiest way to identify if leaf miners are affecting your plants is by the damage they cause, which looks like yellow squiggly lines on the leaves. This is proof that the leaf miner has bored its way into the plant. The best treatment method is using pesticides.

Diseases:

Similar to broccoli, the most common types of diseases affecting Brussels sprouts are bacterial and fungal diseases. To minimize bacterial diseases, keep away from overhead watering, and once you see a plant is affected, remove it from the garden.



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This can also help prevent fungal diseases as well, because they thrive in moist conditions, similar to bacterial diseases. To help prevent fungal diseases, make sure you remove all dead plant debris from the garden before the winter because some of these diseases can overwinter in the debris.

Certain molds also affect Brussels sprouts plants, like downy and powdery mildew. To prevent these, utilize drip irrigation and make sure you space out your plants enough to provide good air circulation.

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