

## ***Common Brassica Pests and Diseases***

| <b>NAME</b>           | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>   | <b>CAUSE</b>  | <b>PREVENTION/CARE</b>  |
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| <b>APHIDS</b>         | Foliage wilted or curled, deformed buds and flowers.   | Aphids appear on plants that are stressed usually by heat or water stress.  | A sharp spray of water from the hose will dislodge them or spray with insecticidal soap.  |
| <b>CUTWORMS</b>       | Usually attacks seedlings by cutting stems down at the soil surface.<br>Inactive during the day. | Cutworms are the larvae stage of a commonly seen grayish-brown moth. They stay burrowed into the soil until they emerge at night to feed. | Place cardboard or metal collars around the stem of the plants. Sprinkle moist bran mixed with BTK on the soil surface in the evening. Beneficial nematodes are also helpful. |
| <b>POWDERY MILDEW</b> | Downy patches appear on foliage.   | Fungi settle on leaves of plants that may not have proper air circulation.  | Proper air circulation is essential in preventing powdery mildew.   |
| <b>LEAFMINERS</b>     | Winding or large blotchy lines appear on leaves.   |   |   |
| <b>FLEA BEETLES</b>   | Chewed foliage.  |   | Remove weeds. Using row covers may help. Spray with garlic or pyrethrin.  |
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