Stop Boxwood Nematodes

Poor growth, low vigor, yellowing or bronzing of the foliage, and ends of stems dying on boxwood are symptoms of nematode infestation. Nematode-damaged roots will be browning, and many of them will be dead.

Best cure for nematodes, according to John H. Harris, entomologist at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, is to treat boxwood with Nemagon. Follow label directions carefully, he advises.

Leaf minors, small, yellowish maggots which burrow inside leaves, will pupate and emerge on the underside of leaves in late spring. One application of lindane, DDT, or dieldrin should control them, Harris reports. To guarantee control he advises 2-3 sprayings at 2-week intervals, beginning when new growth starts.

Mites, or red spiders, will sometimes accumulate during hot, dry weather. Malathion, applied 3 times at 6-day intervals, should eliminate these pests, Harris believes. The entomologist also recommends Triathlon, Kelthane, and Ovotran.

Dye Marker Insures Even Spray

CAs who want and expect a uniform spray application should use a dye marker as a guide, Howard Rasmussen, of Contree Sales, recommends.

Rasmussen points out that missed areas leave weed and insect problems, while double spraying can frequently cause crop damage, as well as take up valuable time.

A boom sight marker, available from Contree Sales, will eliminate these problems, Rasmussen claims. With a boom sight marker, a harmless red dye is ejected through either end of the nozzle, leaving a convenient guide to follow on the next swath. Marker can be run in a continuous band, or just spotted, as the operator prefers, the firm announced.

Other equipment for the weeds and turf industry from Contree Sales includes a ground-driven granular simazine applicator. Built by the Gandy Co., the applicator spreads bands from 14" to 20" wide, and can be pulled by hand or mounted behind power equipment.

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