



Groves Guide to...

Problems with Violets

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Yellowing of the leaves

There are several reasons why your violets leaves will go yellow, but the most likely will be through an attack by Red- Spider Mite. This generally makes the plant look stunted and the leaf veins remain green. Inspection under the leaf will reveal masses of tiny insects sucking sap; these can only just be seen by the naked eye. These usually occur during summer and can be because the plant is in a position that is too hot and dry. The best remedy is to defoliate the plant completely and when the new leaves appear, keep them syringed damp. You may have to think about changing the plants position.

Straw coloured lesions on the leaves

This usually means that the plant has dried out at some stage; it usually appears on potted plants. Pick off the damaged leaves and keep well watered.

Leaf edges curl into hard tissue

This is caused by violet midge, a small insect that injects a chemical into leaf tissue, causing it to curl, harden and thicken around its larvae. The best treatment is to pick off affected leaves and burn.

Parts of the leaves eaten

This is usually slug damage although notching around the leaf edge can be caused by woodlice. Caterpillars can also eat holes in the leaves. Use either Growing Success Advanced Slug Pellets, or Provado Ultimate Bug Killer (For Caterpillars).

Leaves crinkling and stunting

This is usually caused by aphids and can quickly be cured by spraying with a recommended spray, Provado Ultimate Bug Killer works best.

Other

Most other problems occur through nutrient deficiency or through root rot fungal disease because the soil may not have good enough drainage.

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