

Seven Steps to Pest, Disease and Weed Management

1. Correctly identify the problem.

2. Decide whether the problem needs to be corrected... or can you and the plant can tolerate it?

3. If the problem needs attention, use physical control methods first.

4. When other steps are required to eliminate the problem, determine whether biological controls might work.

5. If you determine that a pesticide is required, read the labels carefully and choose a product that has been identified as the most effective with the least risk to you or the environment.

6. Sometimes a stronger pesticide – or one formulated specifically for a specific pest or disease – may be the only way to manage a problem.

7. Always carefully follow all direction on the label for mixing and applying. Any product with the word “Caution” or “warning” on its label must be handled exactly as directed.