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Subject: The Dreaded Powdery Mildew

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## African Violet Society of America

### AVSA Weekly Growing Tip

January 4, 2016

Welcome to AVSA's Weekly Growing Tip email. We hope you benefit from our experience and expertise!

#### Do You Have the Dreaded Powdery Mildew?

One of the most common problems for African violet growers during the winter months is powdery mildew. It causes flowers to fail, stems to wilt, and damages leaves. Left untreated, plants can die. If you recognize it early, you can prevent it from becoming established by removing affected flowers, washing affected parts of the plant (and blotting dry afterwards), or by treating with appropriate fungicides.

Powdery mildew grows best when humidity is above 60% and the air is still. To prevent the disease, keep a fan running in the growing area, especially at night when the temperature drops and relative humidity increases. Space plants apart to prevent pockets of moist air. Avoid wide temperature variations.

There are a number of effective fungicides to control PM on the market which are also safe for African violets in the home.



Powdery mildew on back of flower



Powdery mildew on leaf



Powdery mildew on flower

For more information from the African Violet Society of America about powdery mildew and other diseases in African violet go to [Diseases of African Violets](#).

*Do you have questions about growing violets? Respond to this email and let us know. You might find the answer featured in an upcoming Weekly Growing Tip.*

Sincerely,

Joyce Stork  
AVSA Membership & Promotion

## What's New at AVSA

The registration information for the AVSA Convention and Show in Albuquerque, NM, May 29 - June 5, 2016 should be posted around the middle of January. You will find the information on our website <http://avsa.org/conventions-2016>

We still have the 2016 AVSA calendars for sale. You can purchase them by visiting our website store <http://avsa.org/store-calendars>, or calling the office (844) 400-AVSA (2872). The cost including shipping is \$15.00.

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