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AVSA Weekly Growing Tip

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Greetings!

Welcome to the African Violet Society of America's Weekly Growing Tip email. We hope you benefit from our experience and expertise!



Is there something wrong here?

Poison in the Pot!

Is something deadly going on in your roots? For that matter, is something deadly in the air?

Bugs in the Soup!

Is something moving and creeping on your violet?
Is something eating your plants?



Are bugs hanging out where they don't belong?

At some point every violet grower runs into problems with disease or with pests. [Novices](#) often experience beginner's luck, but as the collection grows, trouble will find you and your violets. Here's a guide to help you identify the problem.

There are several diseases violet growers should learn to recognize because they are so common: [powdery mildew](#) and [root rot](#), which are curable, and [INSV](#) (Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus), which is incurable. There are many other diseases, many with difficult-to-pronounce names, which may occur, but that's for another day. Remember that you have a [resource at AVSA](#) if you run into unfamiliar symptoms and need help.

There are also just a few insects that a good grower will recognize quickly. [Thrips](#), which mostly feed on flowers, are one of the peskiest. [Cyclamen mites](#) cause lots of problems and are not easily seen. [Foliar](#) and [soil mealybugs](#) are particularly hard to fight because of the waxy coating on their bodies. [Fungus gnats](#) and [springtails](#) present less of a problem but are a nuisance.

Knowledge is power. Expect trouble and keep a vigilant eye. Isolate every new plant, in a different room if possible, for at least a month. When trouble strikes, you'll be ready to fight back.

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Sincerely,

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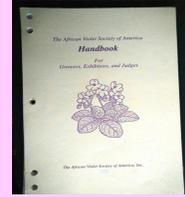
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