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Leaf Problem (0:40)

Many hardwood trees in Southern Minnesota may not be as handsome as they should be this spring due to a wide variety of leaf spot diseases called anthracnose (an-thrac-nose).

University of Minnesota extension plant pathologist Ward Stienstra (steen-stra) says this disease will not cause serious problems. The tree may lose the leaves it has, but a new crop of leaves will be produced. Fungi infect host leaves in the spring during cool moist, wet periods. Spots, which are dead areas in the leaf, appear. When infection is heavy the spots may cause the leaf to fall.

Leaf drop also may occur when wind and rain break weak petioles of newly formed leaves. Squirrels cause large number of leaves to fall when feeding on tree seeds.

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Horticulturist O. C. Turnquist: (0:16)

Don't plan on pruning and staking your tomatoes if you have plenty of room in your garden.

Space them at least three or four feet apart each way. In pruning, you will remove potential fruiting laterals and also run the risk of more problems from sunscald and blossom end rot.

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Garden Info (0:12)

Gardeners will want to tune their televisions to local education stations at 9:30 p.m. Thursday (June 13) for the "Yard 'n Garden" program. University of Minnesota experts will discuss turf and rose care.

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