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Rose Diseases

Black spot, powdery mildew and Botrytis blight are a few of the diseases that may afflict Minnesota's roses. Other diseases in the state are rust, cankers, crown gall, wilt and viruses.

University of Minnesota plant pathologists say buy certified stock free of disease. Keep plants free of weeds, fall leaves and disease-infested plants or canes.

Use spray programs and cultural methods suggested in Plant Pathology Fact Sheet 22, "Rose Diseases." You can get a copy from your county extension office or the Bulletin Room, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 55108.

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Rhubarb

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The three rhubarb varieties are: Mac Donald, Chipman's Canada Red and Valentre.

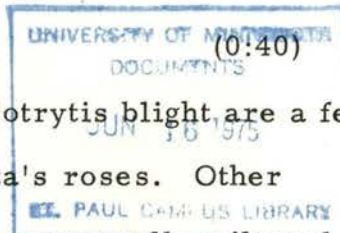
Plants for a new planting may be purchased or you can lift and separate healthy, established plants before growth starts in very early spring. Once established, rhubarb plants normally produce seed stalks, flowers and seeds each season. Cut seed stalks as soon as they appear to preserve food materials for new leaves.

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