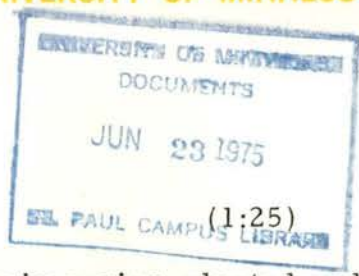




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Root Maggots

Minnesota gardeners are finding their spring-planted radishes, rutabagas, cabbages, cauliflowers, brussel sprouts and onions damaged by root maggots. Members of the cabbage family and onions are attacked by different maggots.

It is too late to save the early-planted crop if it has been infested by root maggots, but maggot infestation is less likely in second seedings.

If you are transplanting any of these plants, use a cup of diazinon (die-a-si-non) as a drench around the base of the plant. Diazinon is relatively non-persistent and will not provide season-long root maggot control on rutabagas, turnips, and kohlbaga. The home gardener will have to treat these crops with a furrow treatment followed in four to six weeks with an over-the-row diazinon drench.

Maggot problems are most likely with the early spring planting. To insure a crop free of subsurface insect damage, a furrow insecticide treatment at planting time is desirable. Level the soil surface following plowing or roto-tilling. Open the furrow into which the seed or transplant is to be placed. Then sprinkle or dust one ounce of diazinon in one-hundred feet of row. Place the seed or transplant in the treated furrow and cover.

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