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Garden Insects

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The time for preplant soil insect control in the home vegetable garden is fast approaching. Minnesota Extension Entomologist Mark Ascerno says cutworms, white grubs and wireworms can be a problem if your garden is in an area of newly worked sod. A broadcast application of diazinon worked into the upper six to eight inches of soil will provide this control.

Early root crops like radishes and onions can be protected from root maggot attack with a furrow treatment of diazinon at planting time. Refer to Entomology Fact Sheet 11, "Controlling Insects in the Home Vegetable Garden," for concentrations and further information. It is available from the county extension office.

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Frost Injury

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Frost may have injured woody ornamentals this spring. Frost damage results when temperature drops below freezing and plants are not dormant. Plants vary in their ability to withstand freezing and some of the more susceptible ones are introduced species, such as fruit trees, Siberian elm, Lombardy and Bolleana poplars.

Minnesota Extension Plant Pathologist Ward Stienstra says he expects to hear of many plant problems related to the record cold winter. He says these cold-related problems are not always clear cut and may be hard to define.

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