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(Image attached: Late Blight on a Tomato)

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Late Blight of Tomato and Potato: Information for Gardeners

Many gardeners are nervous about late blight infections after the widespread outbreak last year that spared few if any tomato and potato plantings. To date, there are no confirmed outbreaks in New York State. Fortunately, the relatively dry and hot weather we have experienced thus far inhibits the growth and spread of the late blight pathogen. "If the weather continues this way, we can expect that infections would be limited. Growers should check their plantings at least once a week and certainly more frequently if the weather becomes rainy and cooler", says Horticulture Educator, Teresa Rusinek from Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County.

There are many diseases that affect tomato and potato such as Early Blight, Septoria, and Bacterial Canker to name just a few. These can be easily confused as Late Blight and may require different control strategies than that for Late blight.

If you see anything suspicious, please feel free to bring samples to the Master Gardener diagnostic lab located at Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County at 10 Westbrook Lane in Kingston or call The Master Gardener Hotline at 845-340-DIRT. There is no charge for late blight diagnosis.

The link below gives detailed information for gardeners on the identification and management of Late Blight. <http://nysipm.cornell.edu/publications/blight/>

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