Pepper Spot & Leaf Scorch

[caused by *Leptosphaerulina crassiasca*]

Pepper spot and leaf scorch are common diseases that are caused by the same fungus. In early to mid-season, large v-shaped areas appear at the tips of the leaves, resulting in a scorch symptom similar in appearance to leaf hopper damage. Later, pepper spot is seen as very small dark lesions that “pepper” a leaf. These diseases usually are not a problem when fungicides have been applied for leaf spot control. Pepper spot occasionally has been associated with severe vine decline that sometimes occurs after a heavy late-season rain.

**Pepper spot leaf lesions**

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