



Type of Pest

Plant health problems



Iron Deficiency

Iron is a **trace element** or **micronutrient**, needed by plants in small, but essential amounts. Some plants, particularly lime-hating, ericaceous plants are more susceptible to shortages of iron in the soil or its unavailability.

Description

Although a trace element, iron can be locked up in the soil, so the roots of azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and other lime-hating, ericaceous plants cannot absorb it. Raspberries can also show similar signs of iron deficiency.

Symptoms

Leaves turn pale yellow between the veins.

Treatment and Control

Always plant lime-hating plants in acidic or neutral soil.

Feed plants with a special ericaceous plant food that contains sequestered or chelated iron that is more easily absorbed by plant roots.

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