

Frost

The blackened, limp tissues of frosted annual plants are a common sight in fall and occasionally in spring. Such injury on landscape plants may be less obvious and go unnoticed until later. Spring frosts are more of a problem than autumn frosts because landscape plants will usually have developed some cold tolerance by early autumn.

Frosted flowers and new growth will be limp and turn brown. The browned and dead new growth of evergreens can remain on the plant until well into the summer. When noticed then, the frosted growth raises concerns about diseases when, in fact, the injury occurred many weeks before.