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# *Alternaria Leaf Spot*

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## **What is it?**

This is a common disease of chilli occurring on the foliage at any stage of the growth.

## **What deficiency causes leaf curl in chilli leaf?**

The fungus attacks the foliage causing characteristic leaf spots and blight. Early blight is first observed on the plants as small, black lesions mostly on the older foliage.

## **Symptoms**

- Leaves, fruits and stems are affected.
- Lesions on leaf begin as circular, water-soaked spots.
- Spots become necrotic with brown centre with chlorotic borders.
- Tissue surrounding the spots may turn yellow.
- Lesions attain considerable size.

## **How to Control**

1. Liquid copper fungicides such as Monterey Liqui-Cop or Bonide Liquid Copper Fungicide(fungicides like maneb which contains mancozeb (2.5 g/l), hexaconazole (1 ml/l), tebuconazole and difenoconazole).
2. Apply every 7-10 days as needed to reduce fungal growth and spread.

