

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL GARDENERS IN WYE

From: Wye College Plant Science Research Unit

Date: Monday, 10th May      Time: 1.00 pm.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We regret to inform you that following an unfortunate accident, an extremely virulent strain of Rose Leaf Scorch Virus X has escaped into the atmosphere from our laboratory. Although it is unlikely that serious damage will occur in our climate, this virus can have devastating effects on many plants of the Rosaceae family, (this includes all types of garden rose).

As a precautionary measure, therefore, you are advised to cover all young rose shoots with transparent plastic bags for the next 48 hours. Should you have any difficulty in obtaining bags supplies are available from Wye College Maintenance Dept. Stores, Olantigh Road (opposite Lepper's ironmongers).

The College apologises for this inconvenience, and assures you that the danger will be over in the next 2-3 days.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

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Dr. W.F. Irving (Head of Virus Research)