

TECH TIP: GARDEN MUM CATERPILLAR DAMAGE

Question: We have two mums covered in bugs and the leaves look like this (see photo). We have never had this before. We just sprayed with Florel, but I don't think that has anything to do with it. Any ideas?

Answer: This is caterpillar damage. Look closely and you will see them in the photos, as well as their frass (excrement). To control, try Dipel, Conserve, Mainspring or Insecticidal Soap. Orthene will also work, although it can cause phytotoxicity on some varieties and in some conditions. Pedestal and Mavrik are additional options.

