



**Greenhouse Pest Message, February 1, 2023**  
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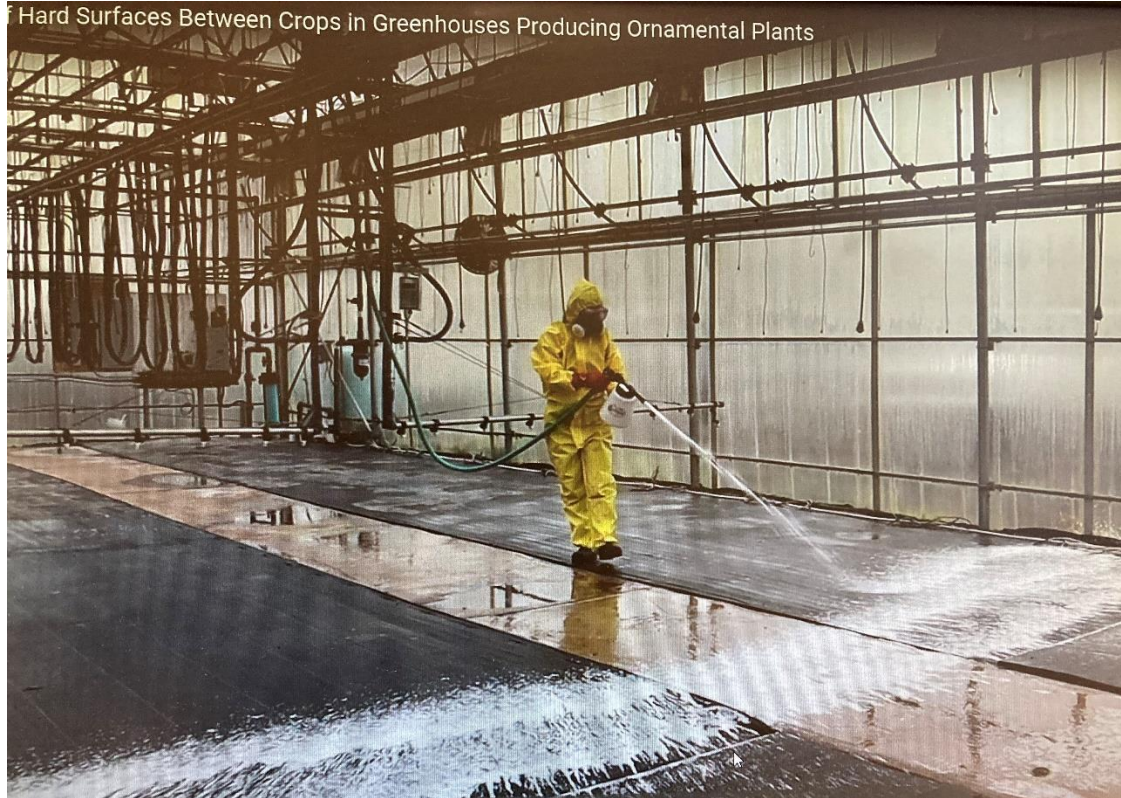
**Preventing Pest Problems with Proper Sanitation Practices**

As Benjamin Franklin stated, *An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.*

**Proper sanitation practices** before and during the growing season is always less expensive than trying to remediate problems either by repeated pesticide applications or crop losses due to diseases.

**On the UConn Greenhouse You Tube Channel,**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJbcMQSF8bqpuzNjGUPweTw> there are now a series of short videos on sanitation practices to follow before and during the growing season.



Applying a commercial greenhouse cleaner with a foamer and allow to sit for five minutes to remove organic matter and mineral deposits without scrubbing.

**Sanitation of Hard Surfaces Between Crops in Greenhouses Producing Ornamental Crops**

Link: <https://youtu.be/n-016p1F6q4>



Keep floors clean during the growing season. Spilled media provide a habitat for fungus gnats and germination of weed seeds.



Inspecting Incoming Plants is the most important scouting practice to follow!



## **Sanitation Practices During the Growing Season**

**Link:** <https://youtu.be/OXzSxeExnr0>

And don't forget how important it is to control **weeds** before and during the growing season both inside and outside the greenhouse. Weeds are a primary source of aphids, whiteflies, leafminers, thrips, mites, slugs, and diseases.

## **Weed Control as Part of Sanitation Practices in Greenhouses Producing Ornamental Crops**

**Link:** <https://youtu.be/eeAIB-KBPFw>

**For more: UConn IPM Greenhouse Weed Control Fact Sheet**

<https://ipm.cahnr.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3216/2022/12/2019Greenhouseweedcontroldatafactsheetfinal.pdf>

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