

Symptom guide for boxwood blight, a disease new to the U.S.



Boxwood blight often causes a rapid lower-leaf loss on plants in containers, making the plants appear 'top-heavy', although they often have healthy root systems.



black stem lesion

small circular leaf spots

IN THE BEGINNING: infected plants will have small circular leaf spots.





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Sometimes these leaf spots will look 'zonate' (divided into zones, almost like stripes).



**Black to brown stem lesions on plants with box blight. Photo credits:
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The foliage of infected container and field grown plants will eventually turn brown / bronze in color and drop off the plant.

