

## **Member's Q & A**

### **1. What is blossom end rot?**

This is a blackened area that develops on the bottom of the tomato while it ripens on the vine. It will make the whole tomato taste unpleasant. The cause of this disease is generally a lack of calcium in our soil. You can add Bone Meal, finely ground eggshells, or lime to boost the calcium.

### **2. Early or late Tomato blight**

happens on the tomato plant itself usually starting at the ground and moving up the plant. This is a fungus and can be prevented by keeping the plant itself as dry as possible, water away from the base of the plant and cover the plants late in the season if the fruit has not yet ripened. Garden Sulphur dusted on the soil will also help keep the fungus down.

### **3. What causes distorted flowers on Daylilies?**

Thrips are the usual culprits. New foliage may be distorted as well as the flower itself and buds often fall off. It is recommended to use Sevin or Malathion at 2ml/liter of water after blooming and in early fall. BUT the City of Nanaimo does not want us using either product. To date, no non-chemical controls have been effective.