

## FUCHSIA RUST & BOTRYTIS—PREVENTION AND/OR CURE

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Some of our members are having problems with Fuchsia Rust. Here are some solutions from Jay Seigel who lives in Poulsbo, Washington. Jay is a regular contributor to the Northwest Fuchsia Society Bulletin "The Flash" that we exchange copies with.

### **These solutions deal with fuchsia rust and botrytis.**

- 1 Tablespoon of bleach to 1 quart of water to make a solution is a good spray for lighter infestations of rust and also stops botrytis, but requires more than one application.
- A 3% hydrogen peroxide solution from the drug store also makes a good "cleaning" solution. It will not kill the rust plants, but kills the spores. If you encounter burning use a weaker solution of 1 part 3% hydrogen peroxide to 2 parts water. This works fairly well and does not burn the plants. Its best applied several times over a period of days.

### **This solution is also good for botrytis - spray affected parts and the soil.**

- Mix  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup household bleach with 1 quart of water to make a solution.

This is a strong solution to use as a last resort. It will cause the leaves to drop, but that is the goal. It will also kill any spores. Place the plant in a bright, shady place and it will come back better than ever.