Leafy Greens Pest Identification

*Indicates very common pests*

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Cercospora leaf spot: tan spots with purple margins

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Downy mildew on spinach: yellow blotches on upper leaf surface; purple to brown, fuzzy spores on lower leaf surface

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Stemphylium leaf spot: tan spots on leaves
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Cladosporium leaf spot on spinach: tan spots on leaves, eventually produce dark green spores and fungal strands in the center of leaf spots
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Leaf miners: look for group of white eggs (top right) on underside of leaves; larva (bottom right) feeds on inner tissue between leaf surfaces; produce large ugly leaf scars (left).
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Beet root aphid: stunts plants and roots

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Margined blister beetle: eats holes in leaves

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Spinach crown mite: white eggs, microscopic mite, feeding twists and distorts leaves
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Diamondback moth larva: holes in Brassica salad greens

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Winter cutworm: eats holes in leaves, cuts stems

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Four-lined plant bug: feeding produces small round holes in leaves

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