

## **Damping Off and Seed Rot**

Just before or after seedlings emerge, the seeds may rot or seedlings weaken and wilt or collapse because of decay at the soil line or below. This is most common in cold, wet, poorly drained soil.

To control, plant disease-free, fungicide-treated seeds. Start seeds in a sterile medium indoors, or outdoors in well-drained soil. Avoid overwatering, crowding, and poor air circulation.