Preventing pests and diseases in the greenhouse

Do not leave crop debris lying about

Piles of crop debris and discarded fruit left after pruning or harvesting your crop are a big source of pests and diseases.

Trolleys, garden carts and bins are very useful tools in the greenhouse. Put crop debris directly into the trolley or bin for easy removal — it saves time and money.

As soon as a crop is finished, clean out the greenhouse. Remove all plant material — leaves, stems, dropped fruit and weeds.

Place pruned material directly into a bin or bag and dispose of it appropriately.

Move crop debris away from the greenhouse.

This Preventing pests and diseases in the greenhouse fact sheet is part of a series designed to show how simple low cost changes around the greenhouse can significantly reduce costs and losses from pests and diseases.

For more information please refer to the growers’ guidelines “Keep it Clean” published by NSW Department of Primary Industries or go online: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

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