

TMV Plant Disease Warning

These plants are susceptible to Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV), which can ruin the research under way. TMV has no cure; prevention is the only control.

Your help is needed to prevent TMV!

- **Wash hands** with soap before entering and when leaving.
- **Always sanitize seed before planting**, even if the seed was treated after harvest.
- **Avoid touching plants accidentally**, and **sanitize hands and tools between plants**.
- **Never move plants into CALS greenhouses without clearance by greenhouse staff.** Call Melissa Brechner (227-5890) or Andy Leed (227-4595).
- **Keep plants pruned, tied up, and spaced so they do not extend past bench edges.** Greenhouse staff will do this if you don't, and you will be billed for labor.

TMV infects 350 species, including tobacco, tomato, pepper and potato. The virus can persist for months and is transmitted mechanically. Touching plants with hands or clothing can spread TMV. **Please help prevent its spread!**

Questions? Contact Andy Leed, greenhouse manager, at 227-4595 or ARL6@cornell.edu.