



## AZILDA GREENHOUSES

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### 1 Million Acts of Green

#### Blossom End Rot

- A water soak spot on the end of the fruit gradually enlarges and turn brown or black .
- The end of the fruit will appear flattened.
- This is caused by **calcium deficiency** which often occurs when hot , dry weather or rapid growth draws extra water and nutrients to the leaves starving the fruit of the nutrient.



#### Control:

- ▶ **Keep soil evenly moist**
- ▶ Use a thick layer of organic mulch
- ▶ Cultivate carefully to avoid root damage.
- ▶ **Use a fertilizer that contains micronutrients and minerals**
- ▶ Test garden soil ph and apply lime carefully as suggested
- ▶ Put crushed egg shells around plants -small amounts of calcium will be released



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