



Why Do Raspberry Leaves Turn Yellow? - Quick Checklist

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Cause	How to recognize	What to do
Water stress	Dry spells or waterlogged roots. Leaves pale then crisp at edges (drought) or wilt with yellowing and soft stems (soggy).	Aim for about 2.5 to 4 cm water per week in season; mulch 5 to 8 cm; improve drainage or raise rows.
N deficiency	Uniform pale yellow on older leaves first; weak growth.	Side-dress light N early season; compost top-dress; avoid heavy mid-summer N.
Iron chlorosis (high pH)	New leaves yellow between veins; veins stay green; older leaves less affected.	Acidify gently with sulfur where appropriate; use chelated iron; avoid overliming.
Magnesium deficiency	Yellowing between veins on older leaves, green midrib; V-shaped patterns.	Apply Epsom salt 10 to 20 g per m2 if soil test suggests; balance K and Ca.
Pests - aphids, mites	Sticky honeydew, curled tender tips (aphids); stippled, dusty leaves with fine webbing (mites).	Rinse with water; insecticidal soap; keep hedgerow narrow for airflow.
Fungal diseases	Spots, cankers, or blotches; lower leaves yellow and drop; poor airflow.	Prune for light and air; remove infected leaves; water in mornings; consider fungicide per label.
Old fruited canes (floricanes)	Canes that fruited last season yellow and die back as new canes rise.	Cut fruited canes at ground level after harvest; keep 6 to 8 new canes per meter.
Transplant shock	Recent planting; soft yellowing, droop despite moist soil.	Shade lightly for a week; keep evenly moist; avoid feeding until new growth resumes.

Rapid checks		Nutrient keys	Disease and pest flags
Soil moisture 5 to 10 cm deep - adjust watering.		N low: whole plant pale, older leaves first.	Brown spots or gray fuzz: botrytis - remove, improve airflow.
Look under leaves for pests and sticky honeydew.		Fe low (often high pH): new leaves yellow, green veins.	Purple lesions on canes: spur blight - prune and destroy.
Row width <= 45 cm; tie into wires for airflow.		Mg low: interveinal on older leaves, green midrib.	Borer wilted tips: prune below hollow section.

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