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Preventing pests and diseases in the greenhouse

Have buffer areas around the greenhouse

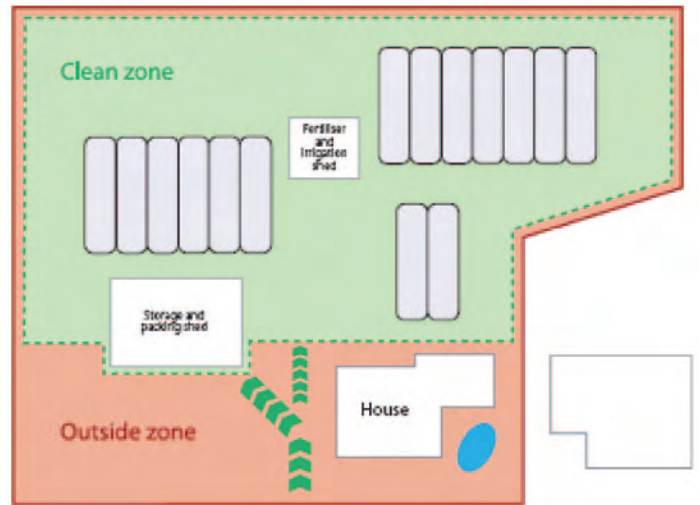
Buffer areas are an effective and relatively low cost pest and disease management strategy.

A buffer area is a space around the greenhouse that is kept clean and clear of things which could shelter pests and diseases.

Make the buffer area at least 5 metres wide, or 10 metres if you can.

The buffer area should be sealed, covered in gravel or mulched, though even a well kept grassed area (kept short and free of broadleaf plants) can make a big difference.

Use buffer areas to create your clean zone



Make a 5-10 metre wide clean area around 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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Replacing a weedy, muddy access way alongside the greenhouses with road-base significantly reduces the levels of pests coming in from the neighbouring paddock. Not only are spray applications reduced by up to 20%, the farm now has all weather access.