**Dear Dr. Green Thumbs, 6.01 P:1** –

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January 1st, 2016

Dear Dr. Green Thumbs,

Recently I got a new plant from my grandma over Thanksgiving. It is a Ponderosa lemon. It’s a good sized shrub, but I have noticed there is something weird going on. I have it in a sunny location, inside (because I live in North Carolina and it is too cold in the winter for a lemon, here). I also checked the pH, because I learned about that in horticulture class. The pH is 5.5. That looks ok. But, here’s what I am seeing:

1. The young leaves are not wilted, but they have this yellowing (chlorosis) all over them.
2. There are these large black lesions.
3. The new growth is rosetted (stunted).

Well, I’m stumped. Help me Dr. Green Thumbs. Tell me what is the problem and what should I do?

Yours Truly,

Plant Lova

Dear Plant Lova,

Looks like you have a zinc problem. I think that there is a deficiency. What you should do to change this situation is… find a fertilizer that has zinc. You can apply this according to the directions on the fertilizer label.

Word to yo motha!

Dr. Green Thumbs