

PLANT RECIPES

POWDERY MILDEW SPRAY

BAKING SODA SPRAY

SMALLER AMOUNT

1.5 tsp baking soda
1 tsp all season horticultural oil or SunSpray Oil
1 qt water
1/4 tap dishwashing soap

LARGER AMOUNT

1gallon water
2 tablespoon baking soda
1tablespoon all season horticultural oil or SunSpray Oil
1tablespoon dishwashing soap
Spray every week. Must reapply if it rains. Trim any dead or dying leaves off. Sterilize trimmers between plants. Even spray the ground around the plants-these lower the ph on the plant and soil so it is not conducive to PM.

APHID SPRAY

1-2 T liquid soap-Murphy's Oil Soap
1 Gal water
Take plant out and use strong force of water to knock aphids off. Then use this spray. Repeat as needed.

CRITTER REPELLANT-squirrels/chipmunks

3 Tbs dry cayenne pepper or 6 fresh hot peppers like Jalapenos
2-3 tsp Murphy's Oil Soap
1tlb vegetable oil
1 qt water
Put cayenne pepper in 1/2 cup hot water and soak for 1 hour and then strain out pepper.If using fresh peppers, grind up in blender and let sit overnight. Strain well. In separate container mix Murphy's Oil Soap with the vegetable oil. Shake vigorously to emulsify. Add 1 qt water and then the pepper solution. Apply every 10 days.

FOR SQUASH VINE BORERS

Put aluminum foil around base of stem for 12 inches. Bury other stems with wet soil.

FOR SQUASH BUGS

- Plant onions around squash to help repel them.
- Make an onion spray to put on leavesw.
- Put row cover over plants till they flower, then remove so they can get pollinated.
- Hand pick every 7 days and remove eggs, nymphs and adults from leaves. Put in bucket of soapy water. Then cover plants again. Squash bugs life cycle from egg to nymph is 7-10 days so keep ahead of them.

Neem Oil is somewhat effective Spray and cover plant.

- Plant late-you may miss their cycle.

FOR MICE ON TIMERS

Wrap aluminum foil around wires. Mice won't eat them.

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