

# Organic Gardening Naturally the Best...



Studies have shown that synthetic fertilizers and pesticides are harmful to us, our children and our environment. One way to protect your family is to use natural organic products, but some of the organic pesticides are just as toxic as their synthetic counterparts. This is why we have provided a list of home remedies that are both non-toxic and effective.



**\*To remove problem bugs:** Dot your garden with sweet alyssum, asters, daisies, marigolds, sunflowers, yarrow, and members of the parsley family (parsley, fennel, and dill). These flowers offer the nectars and pollens that predacious bugs need to supplement their insect diet - <http://home.ivillage.com/gardening/pests>

PEST	REMEDY	INGREDIENTS	DIRECTIONS	COMMENTS	WARNINGS
Any Soft Bodied Insects as well as Snails and Slugs	Diatomaceous Earth	Diatomaceous powder	Sprinkle powder on soil around plants	This acts as an irritant to the soft bodied insects	Possible eye irritant
A Variety of Bugs	Soap Spray	Used dish water or 3 Tablespoon liquid detergent 1 gallon of water	Mix together and spray over plants	Works really well on Hostas and Mums or any other hardy plants	Be sure that the water doesn't drain to driveway, sidewalk or street as soap can flow into storm drains and damage wildlife
Black Spot Fungus	Baking Soda Spray	1 Tablespoon baking soda 1 teaspoon dishwashing detergent 1 gallon water	Just mix and spray	Very simple, effective solution	Spray on in the morning once a week until disease disappears
Aphids	Oil Spray	1 cup vegetable oil 1 Tablespoon dishwashing liquid	Mix ingredients with 1 cup of water and spray	Spray directly on leaves containing aphids	Aphids are very tiny insects that can usually be found congregating under the leaves
Slugs, Houseplant Insects, Rabbits, Moles, etc.	Garlic Spray	1 garlic bulb 1 quart of water 1 medium onion 1 hot pepper	Crush garlic, finely chop onion and hot pepper, and steep for one hour. Spray lightly on plants	This mixture can be stored in the fridge for a week	This spray works very well on many types of different pests. This is a possible eye or skin irritant so be sure to use away from your face and wash your hands after preparing and using this spray
Pests on Your Roses	Tomato Leaf Spray	Leaves from a tomato plant 4 pints of water 1 Tablespoon of cornstarch	Blend all ingredients into a solution, strain and pour into spray bottle	This mixture will last for about a week	Keep unused spray refrigerated
Slugs and Insects	Dead Bug Spray	1 pint of water ½ cup of dead carcasses	Blend dead target insects with water until well mixed. Squirt a few drops on affected plants	You can freeze this mixture. Only use this mixture on outside plants	<b>DO NOT USE ON FLEAS, TICKS, OR MOSQUITOES (THEY CARRY COMMUNICABLE HUMAN DISEASES)!</b>