

Homemade

REMEDIES

Natural homemade organic remedies are inexpensive, easy to make and non-toxic. They will not harm kids, pets, beneficial insects, or wildlife. The best part is you can probably find the ingredients in your own kitchen.



APHIDS

To get rid of Aphids, mix 15ml (1 Tbsp) of liquid soap and 240ml (1 cup of Vegetable Oil) together. Add 2 tsp. of the blend to 3.81 (.83) gal) of water, but don't use it on squash, cauliflower, or cabbage, which can suffer leaf burn. Spray the plants with the mixture and follow with a spray of water. Wait about 15 minutes and then repeat. If the infestation has just started, this will do the trick, otherwise, you may have to resort to using chemical control.

SPIDER MITE

When it is hot and dry – the spider mite is about! You may see very tiny holes in the leaves. Cucumber is susceptible to the Spider Mite. Spider Mites do not like cold water so spray down with the hose. A good test for Spider Mite is to put a white sheet of paper under the branch. Tap the branch and if you see tiny red dots on the paper, you have a Spider Mite problem.



INSECT CONTROL ON HERBS & VEGETABLES

Blend 1 whole head of garlic with 2 cups of water in a blender for about 2 minutes. Allow this mixture to sit in a glass or plastic container for 24 hours. Strain the mix, add 4 liters of water, and shake well. Apply to the tops and bottoms of the plant leaves that are being attacked.

Don't spray on any plants while the sun is shining on them! Try to spray in the early morning!

FUNGUS

Fungus is usually a result of poor air circulation or cold nights when there is moisture on the plant. My home-made solution to fungus is to spray the plant with a solution of 3 Tablespoons of baking soda to a gallon of water. This must be done on a regular basis. Never spray your plants when they are dry or when the sun is shining on them, always do it in the early morning, if possible.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Always keep your plants and trees well watered, especially during hot weather and keep them well fertilized. Never water at night. If the leaves are wet over-night, this will attract both insects and disease.
- Don't spray treatments on any plants while the sun is shining on them! Try to spray in the early morning.

