



## GARDEN INSECT PROBLEMS

- SYMPTOM:** Tiny soft-bodied insects on leaves, stems, or developing buds. A shiny, sticky substance often coats the leaves.
- CAUSE:** Aphids. Red, green, or black, soft bugs. They are 1/8" long and found mostly on new growth.
- REMEDY:** Most insecticidal sprays, including insecticidal soap are effective. Aerosol insecticides labeled for plant pests will also work. Follow label directions on all pesticides to avoid plant damage.
- PRODUCT:** Insecticidal Soap  
Houseplant & Garden Spray  
Tree & Shrub Insect Control
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- SYMPTOM:** Blooms are shredded, discolored, or buds distorted.
- CAUSE:** Thrips. Light brown insects, very slender, about 1/4" long. Squeeze an open bloom and watch the inside of the petals for movement. Thrips move quickly and are spread by the wind.
- REMEDY:** Apply insecticide when buds are pea-sized, then again at two week intervals.
- PRODUCT:** Insecticidal Soap
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- SYMPTOM:** Leaves appear fuzzy and yellow on surface, underside has small red specks, webbing, or spider-like insects moving about. (Best seen with a magnifying glass.)
- CAUSE:** Spider-mite. Microscopic in size, but visible to the naked eye. They cause damage by sucking sap from the undersides of the leaves. Mites favor hot, dry weather.
- REMEDY:** Sprays: insecticidal soap, miticides, or high pressure hose water. All treatments must be applied from the bottom up in order to get full coverage.
- PRODUCT:** Insecticidal Soap

**SYMPTOMS:** Leaves have been eaten, leaving either skeleton structure or mid-ribs. Unopened flower buds chewed and open buds damaged.

**CAUSE:** Beetles. Most notorious is the Japanese Beetle which is metallic brown with a green head. (Caterpillars can also cause this.) Viburnum Beetles and Asian Lily Beetles have now also become a problem in our area.

**REMEDY:** Sprays, dusting powders, or traps.

**PRODUCT:** Safer Rose & Flower Insect Killer