

Common Garden Pests and How to Deal with Them

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Pest Management Strategies

- Proper garden sanitation.
- Crop rotation.
- Use resistant plant varieties.
- Till the soil to disturb over-wintering pests.
- Encourage insect predators (do not harm).
- Intercropping/trap crops.
- Use repellants.
- Use physical barriers to exclude pests.
- Last resort: apply biological, natural or synthetic pesticides – no more than required to do the job.
 - Contact insecticides
 - Ingestion insecticides
 - Interfere with respiration
 - Interfere with feeding

1. Slugs



allaboutsugs.com



Iowa State University Extension



Fairfax County Master Gardeners

rhs.org.uk

2. Squash Vine Borers



nourishingwords.net



comohomestead.com



3. Cucumber beetles



thelittlegardenthathould.com



extension.umass.edu



foldfallowplow.blogspot.com

4. Mites



5369738

maine.gov



UGA5351005

maine.gov

5. Aphids



midatlanticgardening.com



growthis.com

6. Flea Beetles



downingtowngarden.blogspot.com



charleseadie.blogspot.com

7. Vertebrate Pests

Vole



dreamstime.com

Mole



wikipedia



Missouri Botanical Gardens



lancaster.unl.edu

Final Thoughts

- When using any pesticide, consider:
 - Effect on “friendly” insects
 - Effect on harvest (observe pre-harvest intervals)
 - Overspray – effect on neighboring plots
 - Always follow the directions on the label.
- May all of you meet your gardening goals for 2014!