



## Controlling Common Garden Pests

There are a number of common pests and diseases which regularly occur in our gardens. With care, we can control many of these problems and ensure our gardens are maintained at their best.

When spraying, please ensure necessary precautions are taken as outlined on the label of the insecticide / fungicide.

Problem	Commonly found on	Solution
Black spot Black marks on leaves, leaf drop and yellow foliage.	Roses during warm, humid weather.	Remove and destroy affected leaves, spray with fungicide: Triforine or Rose Gun.
Powdery mildew white powdery growth on leaves, buds and stems.	Wide range of hosts: crepe myrtles, hydrangeas, roses during warm humid weather.	Spray with Baycor, Rose Gun or Mancozeb.
Azalea petal blight spots on petals, turning to blotches, flowers turn brown and rot before opening cleanly.	Azaleas and rhododendrons at flowering time in humid weather.	Spray with Bayleton as soon as buds show colour.
Rust yellow or black powdery blotches, especially on underside of foliage.	Roses, geraniums, snapdragons and fuschias during warm, humid weather.	Spray with Baycor.
Leaf curl fungal disease which infects leaves causing them to become puckered or curled.	Peaches, nectarines and other flowering stonefruits in Spring and early Summer.	Spray with copper oxychloride or Leaf Curl Spray at bud swell.
Scale insect which has a tough waxy outer shell, they suck sap and attract ants, causing sooty mould to develop.	Citrus trees, roses, gardenias, camellias, daphnes during Summer.	Spray with White Oil, Scale Gun or Pest Oil.
Aphids slow moving plump bodied winged insects varying in colour from green, yellow, pink or black, depending on the species.	Wide range of plants from camellias, roses, fuschias, gardenias, usually during Spring and Autumn.	Spray with Pyrethrum, Folimat or Maverick.
Thrip minute, slender, soft bodied insects varying in colour from yellow to brown or black.	Wide range of plants including roses, ornamental trees and shrubs during warm weather.	Spray with Folimat.

Pear and Cherry Slug small dark green slimy slug which feed on the upper surface of leaves until only the skeleton (veins) are left.	Pears, cherries, plums, crab apples usually in late Spring	Spray with Folimat or Confidor. See withholding period.
Mealybug whitish aphid-like insects.	Wide rang of plants including apples, crab apples and indoor plants during warm weather.	Spray with Folimat or Confidor.
Lacebug resembles a large sandfly with delicate lacy wings. Found on the underside of foliage, causing foliage to have a silvery or bronzed appearance.	Wide range of plants including azaleas, rhododendrons and viburnums.	Spray with Pyrethrum or Folimat.
Earwigs elongated flattened insect with abdomen ending in a pair of forceps. Eat flowers and foliage at night.	Wide range of plants - emerge at night to feed. Most active during Spring and Autumn.	Spray with Dipel to control.
Caterpillars feed on leaves and flowers, leaving chewed holes in foliage / buds.	Wide range of plants.	Spray with Pyrethrum or Dipel.

#### Pest Oil

- For control of citrus leaf miner, scale, mites, mealy bug on fruit and citrus trees and indoor and outdoor ornamentals

#### Confidor - Low-toxic systemic insecticide

- For the control of aphids, thrips, mealy bugs and more.

#### Epsom Salts

- Corrects magnesium deficiency in Gardenias
- Turns yellow leaves green

#### Baycor - Garden Fungicide

- For control of Black spot, rust and Powdery Mildew on roses and ornamentals

#### Sulphate of Potash

- Promotes flowering
- Improves fruit quality

#### Dipel

- Controls caterpillars, Codling Moth and other chewing insects on garden plants and fruit trees

#### Rose Gun - Black spot and Insect Killer

- Controls Black spot, Powdery Mildew and rust
- Kills aphids, thrips and caterpillars on roses

#### Kocide / White Oil

- Apply in winter after pruning your roses.
- Combine Kocide fungicide and White Oil at the recommended rate to control black spot and other fungal diseases (Kocide) and White Oil to control scale, aphids and mites.
- Re-apply at bud burst and at other times as required.

#### Lime Sulphur Spray

- Controls fungal diseases and insects on roses and fruit trees