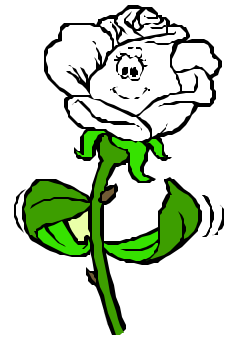


Bugs, Bugs And More Bugs!



Hillermann's
Kids' Club

They're here! Those nasty little bugs that eat everything in your garden have arrived and it's time to mount your attack! However, when making your plans, remember that not all bugs are bad for your garden. Many bugs and insects can be helpful to us humans and can even help your plants grow! The real trick to a bug free garden is to keep them out in the first place.

Invite Helpful Frogs, Birds and Bugs

Frogs and toads love nasty cutworms, while birds think white flies are a delicacy. Chickadees, Nuthatches and Woodpeckers are famous for their bug appetites. Add a birdbath or birdhouse and you have a bird paradise!

Plant Herbs & Flowers the Bugs Hate

Bugs hate marigolds! Many people plant marigolds around their tomatoes to keep bugs away. Have fleas? They can't stand the smell of lavender. Aphids? Try planting Nasturtium or parsley. And if you can't stand potato bugs... plant a bit of horseradish. Defense!

Make sure your garden is clean, clean, clean! Remove dead leaves & branches. Be sure to clean up good after you work in the garden. The second you see any unwanted bug guests, get out the water hose. A really cold blast of water is sure to keep your bug population down.

Kid's Club Activity

Organic Bug Control —What You Need:

- A Few cloves of garlic, mashed
- Several Onions, chopped
- Hot Pepper (5 or 6 dashes)
- Water

Combine the above ingredients and soak overnight. By the next morning, this concoction will be strong enough to make a grown bug cry! Strain this mixture and fill a sprayer with the bug juice. This spray will kill existing bugs and will help prevent new ones from coming around.



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