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# **Our Garden Tips**

## Aphids

To repel sucking insects, shred 30 grams of velvet soap and add to 70 grams of washing soda dissolved in 750ml of hot water. Apply gentle heat until the soap has dissolved, and then add 4 litres of cold water, stirring well. Spray to affected areas, but test for any plant reaction first.

The simplest way of dealing with aphids is to blast them off with a strong spray of water from the garden hose.

### Azaleas

For azalea lace bug and two-spotted (red spider) mite, mix together a ¼ cup of milk and 4 cups of flour. Add to 20 litres of water and stir well and continuously. Spray on to the surfaces of the plants every 2 days until the bugs or mites have gone.

### **Marigolds**

Plant some marigolds to give off a volatile insecticide that is toxic to mosquitoes.

### Nasturtiums

For woolly aphids, make a nasturtium spray: simmer one cup of leaves in one cup of water for 15 minutes. Allow to cool, and then dilute with equal parts of water.

### Slugs and Snails

To protect strawberries and plants from slugs, sprinkle **new** sawdust around the garden bed. To deter snails, place sharp edged leaves such as holly around the garden.

## Weeds

Feed and weed sprays are good, but for the bigger jobs ask your Pest Operator to recommend a suitable product. He can usually spray the weeds for a small extra charge whilst doing your annual service.

#### **Yarrow**

Has a repellent effect against beetles, ants, and flies.

#### *Millipedes*

They always appear in the Hills Suburbs after the first wet weather.

Good control is obtained by spraying with Ficam-W.

A face mask & filter are essential as this is a Schedule 6 Poison

### Note:

- 1. If in doubt, always consult a professional pesticide operator.
- 2. It is always a good idea to test any home remedies on a small area to check for plant reaction before applying to the whole garden.

Please call our service department on 9452 2600 or e-mail service@westpest.com.au if we can be of any assistance

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