

Pesticides Concerns

Using harsh chemicals as a pesticide can be unhealthy when used in the home. When these chemicals are used outdoors, they can also find their way into surface water and groundwater, which can be sources of drinking water.



Natural Alternatives

Disclaimer: The following are suggestions only and are not guaranteed to be completely effective.

For aphids, mites and beetles:

- Mix 1 ¼ teaspoons of mild liquid dish soap (eco-friendly with one litre of water).
- Spray directly on the plants in the morning before the hot sun.



For ants:

- Mix equal part icing sugar and baking soda thoroughly.
- Leave small piles where you see ants (this mixture kills the ants).



Mosquito repellent:

- 5 drops of peppermint oil in a shallow dish or:
- Lavender oil is an effective repellent or:
- Citronella is also an effective repellent.



Mosquito traps:

- In a black bucket mix 1 litre of warm water with 2 tablespoons of brown sugar and one teaspoon of dry yeast
- After it is mixed, add a teaspoon of mild liquid dish soap to the surface (do not stir)
- Place the bucket in a cardboard box (leave enough space for the mosquitos to enter the box).
- The sugar and yeast produce carbon dioxide which attracts mosquitos and the soap break the surface tension of the water, so they can't escape one they land on the water.
- Add more sugar and yeast every couple of days.



Mouse repellent:

- Add 10 drops of peppermint oil to cotton balls and place in areas where you suspect mice are located (replace every few days) or:
- Pine-sol repels mice.



There are many more ideas for natural alternatives for pesticides.

Please share your ideas with us: info@trentsourceprotection.on.ca