

Alternatives to Chemical Pesticides

Chemical Pesticides

Pesticides include insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. Chemical pesticides (organic or synthetic) can sometimes harm wildlife. If they run off with rain or snowmelt, they get into the water supply, potentially harming aquatic life and people.

Non-Chemical Alternatives For Insects

Beneficial Insects

Fight soft bodied insects & mites with minute pirate bugs, big-eyed bugs or lacewing larvae. For insects that spend time in soil use nematodes (but only in warm, moist soil).



For Weeds

Hand Pulling

Remove weeds and survey your lawn! Weed close to the ground to remove roots. If done often, hand pulling keeps weeds from growing deep roots.



For Fungus/Disease

Healthy Lawn

Healthy lawns are more disease and fungus resistant- see our Healthy Lawn Care infographic for tips. If you have a disease outbreak, ask your local Master Gardener for treatment recommendations



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