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June Newsletter

Growing Healthy Vegetables



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With WeedGuard



without WeedGuard with

Preparing your soil is the first step in healthy vegetables. Work in 3-4 inches of organic matter. When I plant my veggies, I also dig the whole deep and mix in worm castings and an organic vegetable fertilizer. When I plant my broccoli, tomatoes, peppers and brussel sprouts plants, I cut a piece of a paper towel roll or use a small piece of a paper bag to wrap around the stem of the veggie to protect it from a nasty cut worm. They come out at night and cut your veggies right off at the soil level then just leave it laying there for you to find the next day. They want bunnies to take the blame. Bury half of the

stem with cardboard or paper underground leaving some sticking above ground. Top dress with a little more worm castings. If you have mushroom compost, you can top dress with that too. Water thoroughly. I always mulch my Vegetables with dried grass clippings or straw. I am carrying a biodegradable product called :

WeedGuard Plus at my store in Milton WI. which you can lay down around your plants and in the rows to keep weeds or soil borne diseases from splashing up on the plants causing bacterial leaf spots. I do remove some of the lower leaves as the plants grows so it puts

more energy into setting fruit. Never let the soil dry out during the time when the veggies are setting fruit. Inconsistent watering and lack of calcium can cause blossom end on tomatoes as well as peppers. That is why I mulch and use a fertilizer designed especially for tomatoes. For Tomatoes, don't forget to use a cage or stake your tomatoes to keep them off the ground and support their heavy branches. Never water your vegetable garden with an overhead sprinkler and always wash your hands first if you are a smoker as both of these can spread diseases. I also put down around my garden Rabbit Scram. It really works in my garden!

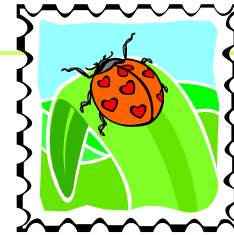
More on WeedGuard Plus

WeedGuard Plus, the natural choice. See how it works ... excellent weed prevention .. gives your vegetables, plants and flowers an earlier and healthier start. WeedGuardPlus is a porous and

100% opaque cellulose fiber paper weed barrier product designed to help you in your gardening and nursery work. WeedGuardPlus will provide you with a more enjoyable and successful gardening ex-

perience. WeedGuardPlus is made from all natural earth friendly cellulose fibers. Unlike plastic weed barriers WeedGuard-Plus is made from eco-effective renewable resources.

Insects and Their Companion Repellants



Ants
Aphids
Bean Beetles
Cabbage Moths
Carrot Fly
Japanese Beetles
Nematodes
Striped Cucumber Beetles
Whitefly

Spearmint, onion, tansy
Garlic, spearmint
Marigolds, basil, chives, parsley, oregano
Rosemary, sage, thyme
Chives, onions, rosemary, sage
Garlic, tansy
Marigold, nasturtium
Tansy, garlic, marigolds, nasturtiums
Spearmint

Veggie Pharm is an effective and essential part of an environmentally-conscious gardener's pest control arsenal! Made with a mix of natural ingredients like cottonseed oil, garlic and peppermint, Veggie Pharm protects fruit and vegetables from powdery mildew, fungus and garden insects like adult Japanese beetles, thrips, aphids, spider mites, whiteflies and scales, but won't hurt the environment or food. Give your customers the peace of mind that comes from knowing that their garden is safe from pests, and they didn't have to mess with toxic chemicals in the process.



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Good Bugs and Bad Bugs

This is important to know, especially when working with edible plants. Before you run to get any pest control out of your garage or garden shed first try to identify what kind of bug it is.

Assess the damage and see if it's something you can live with. Is it just cosmetic or is it going to effect the health of the plants. Many plants will out grow minor damage. The pest may have already left the area. If you must take care of the problem determine the best way to care of it. There are a lot of new products available that are organic. But even some of those can hurt the beneficial insects. A good daily spray of water will discourage some of those nasty pests.

Encourage beneficial insects: lady bugs eat hundreds of aphids a day. Birds, bats, frogs and even snakes eat many pests. Make your garden friendly for these hungry creatures. Buy or build bird, bat butterfly and toad houses.

Here's a list of beneficial insects & what they love to eat:

*Lace bugs– aphids and many other pests

*Praying mantis-It will eat almost every insect it sees, including grasshoppers.

*Dragonflies– flies and mosquitoes.

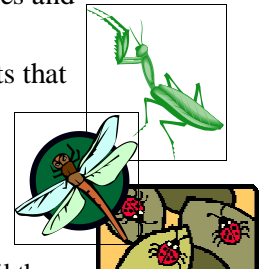
*Lady Bugs– aphids, scale, spider mites and more.

Here's just a couple of natural products that I carry if you must use something.

K+ Neem is a natural insecticide made from the seeds of the Indian neem tree.

This effective insecticide works on contact, yet is safe to

use on produce until the day of harvest. It works to kill aphids, cabbage loopers, Japanese beetles, spider mites and many more. Solution is water-based, non-flammable, alcohol-free and is a great choice for gardeners looking for natural



types of insect control. **Organocide** insecticide and fungicide effectively controls 25 common insect pests such as mites, whiteflies, and aphids as well as four problem plant diseases including powdery mildew and black spot. All-natural Organocide is a blend of sesame and fish oils that poses no risk to the environment. Comes in a convenient ready-to-use bottle so there's no mixing and no mess.



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Easy Veggies For Children To Grow

We know how we feel when we see something we planted actually growing. It's exciting to know that you grew it and can eat it right out of the garden. Just imagine what a child feels when they see their plants growing and then eat what they grew. They can show and tell their friends and say, "I grew that all by myself. We're having the lettuce and radishes in a salad tonight." Here are some easy veggies and flowers for children to grow:

Lettuce— Fast growing, likes semi-shade. It is a cool weather plant.

Radishes— Come up quickly in the spring or can be planted in late summer/early fall.

Carrots— can be plant right next to the radishes. They come up slower and the radishes will be done by the time the carrots start growing.

Beans—Fast, easy, full sun. Eat the right off the vine or bush.

Pumpkins are one of the favorites. You do need a large space. After they are finished growing, they can make pumpkin seeds to eat and carve their very own jack-o-lantern.

Sunflowers—This is a must. They sprout in one week and will be over 2ft (depending on the variety) in a month. Grow your own sunflower seeds to eat.

Nasturtiums—These are fun edible flowers, taste like radishes. They can be planted in poor soils and tolerate dry conditions.



Planting edible trees can be fun. Broccoli is easy too!

Garden Safety Tips with Children

As with any activity, you'll want to be sure your child is safe while gardening.

The National Gardening Association offers these tips for making your garden safe for little gardeners:

- **Pay attention to which products you use.** Keep chemical fertilizers, weed killers, and insecticides away from kids. Better yet, the association advises, don't use them. Stick with natural methods instead or use organic methods for fertilizing and pest control when gardening with young children.
- **Offer kid-sized tools.** Shovels and rakes that are the right size for an adult can be dangerous for your kids. Invest in pint-sized versions.
- **Test your soil for lead.** Homes built before 1970 often have lead paint. Even newer homes may have lead in their gardens, since soil is often trucked in from another location. So if you live in an urban area, have your soil checked for lead and other toxic substances before starting a garden. Contact your state Cooperative Extension office to find out how to get your soil tested.

- **Be careful with water.** Remember that a bucket of water can be dangerous for a toddler, so be sure to supervise carefully when water is around.

- **Monitor for allergies.** Kids may have reactions to certain plants or flowers. Be on the alert for sneezing or skin irritations. Wear garden gloves.

Other Tips

- Prevent cats and dogs from using your garden as a toilet.
- Remove poisonous plants, including poison ivy and plants with toxic berries, from your vegetable garden area.
- Teach your toddler never to pick or eat from plants without your permission.

Wash your hands and your toddler's after digging in the dirt. Cover cuts or scrapes with band-aids before working in the garden.

And don't forget to have some fun too!



Offer kid-sized tools



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" Feed The Soil & The Soil
Will Feed your Plants"

Plants are only as good as the soil you grow them in. By working in organic matter over a period of time, you will get great results. Every year will get better and better. Add leaves to your garden in the fall and let the worms take over. You can top dress with organic matter around your flower, herb beds and even around your trees and shrubs.

Check out www.pattysplants.com for a list of our heirloom and organic tomato, veggie and herb plants.



Let's have
salad for lunch!

Our four legged creatures sometimes have a hay day in our gardens. They can actually do more harm than

some insects.

There's fencing, live traps, scare tactics like: motion detectors. You can set a radio or sprinkler to go off if anything nears your garden. There are also a lot of organic repellants you can purchase at your local garden shop. Deer Scram is one of my favorites, it works for bunnies too. For the first time last year I didn't have to replace my broccoli and lettuce plants when I used **Deer & Rabbit Scram**. . It really works.

Rabbit Scram rabbit repellent is different because Rabbit Scram is more than just another offensive scent or unpleasant taste to foraging rabbits. Blended from selected organic and natural components, Rabbit Scram rabbit

Animal Pests

repellent is sniffed off the ground by foraging rabbits before they enter your gardens.

Use Rabbit Scram® to protect your garden, trees and shrubs from munching rabbits and other pests Rabbit Scram is guaranteed to keep rabbits off your plantings because, through their uncanny sense of smell with their nose on the ground, it convinces rabbits that harm is nearby.

Rabbit Scram will change rabbit behavior. As they near the applied barrier of Rabbit Scram, rabbits actually alert to a sense of danger – even death! Rabbit Scram's unique scent of death reaches the rabbit and triggers a genetic biological defense mechanism to flee from predators. Regular application of Rabbit Scram rabbit repellent creates a barrier -- 24 hours a day! – that rabbits will not cross to reach your



plants. And Rabbit Scram's granular application won't wash off with rain as many spray repellents do.

Mole Scram available too.

You can find these products at: **Patty's Plants!**

There are also homemade remedies. Here's one recipe. But watch out it will keep you away too.

Homemade Deer Solution

Mix three rotten eggs or 1 qt sour milk in 1 gallon water. Add 1 teaspoon finely ground cayenne pepper. Spray or sprinkle [with watering can] . Renew after any heavy rain or at least once a month. It is very unpleasant to prepare and apply but you won't notice the smell after it dries.