

Organic Controls for Diseases and Pests

- Aphids - squish by hand, attract ladybugs!
- Caterpillars (cabbage worms/loopers) – remove eggs, pick them off and squish them, Dipel Dust
- Cut Worms – collar plants, scatter bran mixed with BTK and molasses prior to planting, dig around base of damaged plants in morning and destroy larvae

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- Flea Beetles – pass a 6" x 12" board coated with heavy grease 1-2" over plants, Neem
- Leaf Miners – remove eggs, attract parasitic wasps, Neem
- Nematodes – practice crop rotation, plant marigolds, soil solarization
- Mildews – keep plants dry! Spray infected plants with solution of 1 teaspoon baking soda to 1 quart of water (when sun is out!) remove badly infected leaves and plants, copper based fungicide

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- Slugs – remove at night when they are feeding, surround plant with lime, soot or plastic, sink saucers of beer in soil
- Squash Bugs – handpick and destroy, attract parasitic flies
- Whiteflies – yellow sticky traps, spray with garlic oil or insecticidal soap
- Wilts – use resistant cultivars, soil solarization may help

