Plant Care Tips

**Compost Tea**

Supplies—compost, strainer, 5-gallon bucket, sprayer

Directions
1. Mix equal amounts of water and compost in the bucket. Stir.
2. Let solution sit for about a week letting the solids settle to the bottom.
3. Strain the mixture and put it into the sprayer.
4. Spray plants once a week with compost tea.
5. Store remainder of tea in the bucket for future use.

Yield: 2.5 gallons

**Broad Leaf Weed Killer**

Supplies—vinegar, dish soap, spray bottle

Directions
1. Fill bottle with 3 parts vinegar to 1 part dish soap.
2. Spray dandelion and other broad leafs carefully (vinegar will also kill desirable plants).

Warning: Shield plants from spray if necessary. Treat plants only once. Repeated applications will acidify and sterilize soil to the point that it will not support any plant growth.

**Powdery Mildew**

Supplies—1 gal. warm water, 3 TB. baking soda, 1 TB. Murphy's Oil Soap

Directions
1. Mix all ingredients together.
2. Spray plants at the first sign of mildew. Coat upper and lower surfaces of leaves.
3. Repeat applications every 7-10 days until temperatures reach the 70s.

Yield: 1 gallon
**Weeds in Sidewalk Cracks**

Supplies—water, large pan or kettle

Directions
1. Boil water.
2. Carefully pour boiling water on weeds and surrounding soil.

Yield: 1 kettleful

**Fungus Prevention**

Supplies—1 tsp. organic oil (castor, coconut, or light vegetable oil), 1 tsp. biodegradable liquid soap, 1 gal. water or compost tea sprayer

Directions
1. Mix all ingredients.
2. Spray plants as often as needed.

Yield: 1 gallon