

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 leaves 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