DIY PEST REDUCTION

◆ A GPHC GARDEN IN A BOX WORKSHOP ◆

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NONE LIKE IT HOT SPRAY

- 1/3 c. apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp hot sauce (or rotting garden produce)
- 1/8 tsp liquid soap
  Shake well and place in spray bottle. Apply to both tops and bottoms of leaves

Uses: Spray to stop just about any pest from aphids to cucumber beetles

NO MORE PEST TEA

- Take clippings of your most potently scented herbs, such as rosemary, lavender, mint, basil, and sage
- Place them in a gallon bucket of water
- Leave in sun for one week
- Strain liquid
- Add 2 tbsp of liquid soap
- Pour into a spray bottle
  Keep in a cool, dark storage area. Apply to leaves and stems.

Uses: Spray to keep aphids, cabbage loopers, and other pests from destroying your plants

RED PEPPER SPRITZ

- 2 tbsp red pepper flakes
- 6 drops of liquid soap
- 1 gallon water
  Let sit overnight and stir.

Uses: protect members of the Brassicaceae family, including cabbage, kale, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts from pests

TOMATO AND POTATO PROTECTO

- 1 tbsp canola oil (or mineral oil)
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 gallon water
  Combine these and spray onto your tomatoes and potatoes early in their growing season. Shake before each use!

Uses: Spray to prevent early and late fungal infestations

MOLASSES SOAK

- 1 oz molasses
- 10 oz water
  Steep for 7-10 days. Mix and pour onto the soil around plants.

Uses: attract beneficial insects to eat pests of any plant

ASPIRIN ASPIRATIONS

- Dissolve 2 uncoated aspirin in 1 quart water.
  Apply the mixture as a foliar spray.

Uses: Spray to fight fungus infections such as black spot, mildew, or rust

Please note: All these recipes are adaptations from Trowel and Error by Sharon Lovejoy, a great book for taking care of your garden.