# DIY PEST REDUCTION

# ◆ A GPHC GARDEN IN A BOX WORKSHOP ◆

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## NONE LIKE IT HOT SPRAY

GREATER

- 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
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  Leave in sun for one week
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- 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

#### 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

### 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

# 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.

