

# DIY CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES FOR INSECTS



## Aphid Repellant

### Essential Oils DIY:

- Mix 10 drops of peppermint, thyme, and rosemary oil with water in a spray bottle.
- Spray mixture around your garden to repel (not kill) aphids.

### Homemade Insecticidal soaps:

- Mix 1 cup of vegetable oil with 1 tablespoon of liquid soap.
- To apply the soap: mix 2 teaspoons of the oil and soap mixture with 1 quart of water and shake.
- Spray directly on the affected plants but avoid spraying during the heat of the day.

## Wasp Repellant

### DIY Traps/Deterrants:

- Take a large empty soda bottle, remove the cap, fill the bottom of the bottle with a mixture of soda or fruit juice with liquid soap. Turn the bottle upside down with the top back on and hang in your yard.
- Wasps are repelled by clove, geranium, and lemongrass essential oils.
- Mix a couple drops of each of the essential oils in a spray bottle mixed with a few tablespoons of dish soap and fill the rest of the bottle up with water. Spray on any wasp nests or any spots where there have been nests in the past.
- Set up bait traps that use sugary liquids or meat to lure wasps. You can also set up light traps that use UV lights to attract wasps.
- Place these traps where the wasps are most active but away from where people may be or any outdoor living spaces.

## Mosquito Repellant

- Place a few drops of peppermint oil in a shallow dish of water
- Place in the room where mosquito deterrent is needed

## Spider and Ant Repellant

- Mix about 5-7 drops of peppermint oil and a few drops of dish soap in a spray bottle filled with warm water, shake well
- Spray along windows, doors, and other places you might find the spiders or ants



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