

# Vegetable Garden Problem Solving

Seminar at Hyannis Country Garden

*What you see, what's causing it, and our suggested remedies*

## Common Insect Problems

Tiny holes: **Flea Beetles**: Diatomaceous Earth (DE)

New seedlings disappearing: **slugs or earwigs**: DE, Sluggo Plus

Holes on cabbage/broccoli/B sprouts: **cabbage looper**: Spinosad or Bt

New plants cut at base: **cut worm**: Sluggo Plus, DE, dig and smash

Holes on potato foliage: **Colorado potato beetle**: Spinosad, crush

Tomato foliage disappearing: **horn worm**: find and smash, Spinosad

## Common Animal Problems

Tops of plants eaten off: **deer**: repellants on ground not plants, fence

Leaves disappearing: **rabbits**: repellants on ground not plants, fence

Plant disappearing: **woodchucks**: fence, repellants, smoke bomb den

Using garden for "their business": **cats**: cover soil with chicken wire

## Common Disease Problems

Spots on leaves: **leaf spot fungus**: Actinovate, Serenade, Copper

Gray mold on leaves: **powdery mildew**: Green Cure or products above

Yellow leaves/spots tomato foliage: **early blight**: Copper fungicide

## Common Cultural Problems

Curled foliage: **water/wind/heat stress**: water deeply less often

Browned edges on leaves: **fertilizer burn**: water well before fertilizing

Whole leaves yellow or brown: **drying**: water deeply less often

Whole plant yellow: **too much water**: water deeply less often

Whole plant yellow: **lack of nitrogen**: fertilize with fish/seaweed

Plant dies after spraying: **sunburn**: some products make plants sun sensitive – read the label, don't spray on hot, sunny day.

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