

HYANNIS  
  
COUNTRY GARDEN  
**Vegetable Garden Problem Solving**

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

**DE = diatomaceous earth Spinosad = Captain Jacks Deadbug Brew**

**Common Insect Problems**

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

New seedlings disappearing/eaten: **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 outside of garden, fence

Leaves disappearing: **rabbits**: repellants outside of garden, fence

Plant disappearing: **woodchucks**: fence, smoke bomb (Gopher Gasser)

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

Birds and Animals: Spray Away – a motion activated high-pressure sprinkler

**Common Disease Problems**

Spots on leaves: **leaf spot fungus**: Revitalize, Earth's Ally, Copper

Gray mold on leaves: **powdery mildew**: Revitalize, Earth's Ally Fungicide, Copper

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 anything on hot, sunny day.

**Common Weed Problems**

Hoe and hand-pull, mulch with 2-3" hay, pine needles or pine/spruce mulch.

There are a few organic weed killers, but they will kill any vegetable they land on.