

The Natural Way to Control Fungus, Insects & Mites

We all want the beauty and satisfaction that comes with a healthy, thriving garden. But sometimes rain and humid conditions bring out the worst in fungus disease and insects. How can gardeners manage these problems without spraying harmful chemicals?

First, make good planting choices. Consider native varieties that are more disease resistant. Make certain you are planting the right plant for the right location – don't plant sun loving annuals in afternoon shade for example. Use plants that are rated for your hardiness zone. And plant during optimal times of the year, typically Spring or Fall.

Improve poor soils with organic matter and make sure to water, fertilize and mulch when appropriate. Regularly check around your plants for the first signs of leaf spot, rust, mildew, or rot. Be on the lookout for insects or leaf discoloration that could mean spider mites. Problems caught early are much less likely to escalate into large scale disappointment. For help with recognizing symptoms talk with the experts at your local garden center.

Control products are popular and widely used to combat difficult disease and insect problems. In the past, gardeners were forced to choose between toxic chemical controls or ineffective natural controls. A new product from Espoma, however, promises to minimize the environmental risks while offering a truly effective solution to fungus, insects and mites.

Espoma's *Earth-tone*[®] *3n1 Disease Control* is a new combination of natural pyrethrins, extracted from chrysanthemum flowers, and natural sulfur. It is the ideal solution for controlling black spot, powdery mildew and rust on roses but the good news is it doesn't stop there. It also controls pests such as aphids, caterpillars, and mites on contact and is safe to use on edible crops up to the day before harvest.

The convenient ready to use spray bottle requires no mixing or mess. Simply spray all parts of the pests and plants including the underside of leaves. For optimum fungus control, apply as a protective spray early in the season before the diseases are noticed. Repeat the application in 7 to 10 days or after rainfall.

Don't allow insects and fungus to take the joy out of your garden. Plan for success and be vigilant. Watch for potential problems and treat them early to prevent them from becoming major roadblocks to success. And enjoy the effective control and peace of mind you can have with Espoma's new *Earth-tone 3n1 Disease Control*.