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Vegetable Garden Insects - Chewing Mouthparts	
	 Blister Beetles Many colors and shapes; travel in swarms; can quickly defoliate plant Symptoms: stripped plants; swarms of beetles on plants Controls: Shake off plant and step on them; shop vac; carbaryl on beetles and host plants Bean, beet, carrot, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, corn, eggplant, melon, mustard, pea, pepper, potato, radish, spinach, squash, sweet potato, tomato, turnip
	Cabbage Loopers • Seedlings occasionally damaged; most injury occurs after heading; bores through heads and contaminates heads and leaves with their bodies and excrement • Symptoms: Ragged holes in leaves • Controls: Hand pick; Bt Broccoli, cabbage, turnips, radish
	 Moths active at night; full grown larvae up to 1 ½" long; hatch from eggs laid on fresh corn silks; feed on leaves, tassels, whorl within ear, and ear Symptoms: Developing kernels within ears are eaten; extensive excrement at ear tip Controls: Plant early; Bt; 5% carbaryl dust by hand brush to individual ear silks starting when new silks first appear and continuing at 2-3 day intervals until silks stop growing; lacewings; minute pirate bugs, damsel bugs Sweet corn
	 Cut Worms Larvae of several species of night-flying moths; ½ to 1-1/2" long; live underground; nocturnal Symptoms: Young stems severed at ground level Controls: collar buried 1" below ground and 3" above around seedlings; place boards on ground at night – collect worm in AM; beetles, birds, parasitic wasps, Bt; carbaryl Asparagus, cabbage, squash, tomato, bean, cucumber – all vegetable seedlings
	Earwigs • ½" to 1" long; brown to black color; winged or wingless; nocturnal; feed on live or dead insects and decaying or live vegetation • Symptoms: Chewed leaves • Control: Lay out rolls of newspaper in evening & collect earwigs in morning; carbaryl Not selective
	Flea Beetles • Small black insects • Symptoms: Tiny holes in leaves slows growth and production • Controls: parasitic wasps; manage weeds; cover plants; Surround (kaolinitic clay); carbaryl Eggplant, tomato, potato

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- Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis) biological insecticide kills caterpillars but does not kill other insects; allows natural enemies to survive and contribute to pest suppression

Vegetable Garden Insects - Chewing Mouthparts Grape Leaf Skeletonizers Yellow caterpillar with purple or black stripes; may be covered with black spines Symptoms: Chewed upper and lower leaf, all but veins Controls: Bt; pyrethrum dust; carbaryl Grapes Grasshoppers Lay eggs in soil; arrive in large numbers, eat everything in site Symptoms: chewed leaves/plants Controls: Cover crops with row-cover cloth; Nosema locustae bait; poultry; Not selective Leaf Miners Small maggots of tiny flies hatch from eggs and live in leaves Symptoms: Light colored trails in leaves Controls: Yellow sticky traps Cantaloupe, lettuce, tomato, pepper, eggplant, bean Lesser Goldfinch Damage Sunflower, squash, and rhubarb leaves Tomato Hornworms Sphinx moth deposits eggs on upper and lower leaf surface in spring; look for dark green or black excrement from larva (tomato hornworm) Symptoms: Chewed leaves and stems; excrement Controls: Hand pick; lady beetles & lacewings eat eggs; Bt; carbaryl; tilling soil after harvest causes up to 90% mortality Tomato, eggplant, pepper, potato

Vegetable Garden Insects - Piercing/Sucking Mouthparts Aphids Cabbage and turnip aphids are green; give birth to live aphids; love tender leaves; population declines with heat (predators more numerous) Symptoms: Sticky substance (honeydew); ants; black sooty mold Controls: Lady beetle; lacewing; syrphid fly; insecticidal soap; high pressure hose; home remedy Cabbage, collard, kale, turnip, mustard, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussel sprout, radish Beet Leaf Hoppers Suck undersides of leaves which become mottled looking; transmits curly top Symptoms of Curly top virus: Leaves puckered & stunted; tomato leaves curl & roll upward and main petiole curves downward; leaves become leathery & turn vellowish Controls: Plant after end of June; manage weeds; protect young plants w/ row cover like Remay; remove infected plants Tomato, beet, pepper, squash, bean, squash, melon, cucumber, spinach, potato

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False Chinch Bugs

- Adults are 1/8-inch long, flattened, grayish bugs, with black or brown markings; nymphs are smaller and similar in appearance to the adults; have a tendency to sit in large masses on the soil at the base of attacked plants
- Symptoms: Stunting and/or wilting
- Controls: Eliminate mustard and other annual weeds

Grape, squash, melon, tomato, corn, potato



Mites

- Suck sap from undersides of leaves; can kill plants or cause serious stress
- Symptoms: Webbing; white or yellow speckles on leaves; leaf drop if high populations
- Controls: Spray with water weekly; home remedy; insecticidal soaps; lady beetles, predatory mites; big-eyed bugs; predatory thrips

Melon, raspberry, eggplant, bean



Squash Bugs

- Suck and inject toxic substance
- Symptoms: Yellow specks on leaves, then wilting leaves, and ultimately black or dried out leaves
- Controls: Collect/destroy egg clusters on underside of leaves; insecticidal soap, Neem or permethrin when insects are small; difficult to kill adults - trap adults under board or burlap and destroy in AM

Most common on pumpkin and squash, also on cucumber, melon



Stink bugs

- Appear in spring to late fall; lay eggs on stems & undersides of leaves; attracted to yellow; dislikes heat; usually not a serious problem
- Symptoms: Can leave cosmetic scars on fruit
- Control: Remove debris; manage weeds; spray hard stream of water on tomatoes when first seen; home remedy; hand pick; vacuum; Surround (kaolin clay mineral leaves protective powdery film); carbaryl

Sunflower, tomato



Thrips

- Overwinter as adults or pupae under litter on ground
- Symptoms: Edges of leaves curled; discolored or distorted plant tissue; black specks of excrement around stippled leaf surfaces
- Controls: Home remedy; destroy infected buds and blooms; Neem; Lady beetles

Bean, garlic, onion, pepper, pumpkin, squash, cucumber, melon

Beneficials Adult Larva Lace Wing Lady Beetle Larva feeds on aphids, other small insects, eggs, & mites Eats aphids and other soft-bodied insects; pollinates flowering plants Beneficials Ground Beetle Eats grubs, cut worms, maggots, caterpillars, aphids, weevils, slugs, snails

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