

# WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?

## Controlling Pests in Your Yard & Garden

# Don't let bugs spoil your summer!

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Summer is finally here and that means Fourth of July celebrations, barbeques, warm weather, and time spent outside with family and friends. We recommend these helpful tips that you can easily attend to before company arrives.

#### Guard against home invading ants

Ants have inhabited Earth for more than 130 million years, and there are more than 12,000 different species that, on average, make up 15 to 25 percent of land animals in a given region. That's literally hordes of ants just looking for ways to invade your home in search of food, water, a more stable environment, or to work on destroying the wood frame of your home. Ants need to be stopped before they get in. AMDRO® AntBlock is a bait treatment that you apply around the entire perimeter of your home. Ants come in contact with the bait, think it's food, eat it, bring it back to the nest to share, and in no time the entire colony is destroyed. Because AMDRO is an outdoor bait treatment, ants never have the opportunity to enter your home.

#### Protect your yard and garden against insects and grubs

Though there are plenty of insects that are beneficial to the growth and health of your yard, some insects, if allowed to overpopulate, can wreak havoc on your lawn and garden. Ants, fleas, ticks, crickets, chinch bugs, and European crane flies can all devastate the family yard, not to mention the decimation grubs cause to lawns. Maxide® Grub Killer and Maxide® Insect Killers are dual action treatments that kill on contact, then absorb into your plant's root system for long-lasting control.

Other familiar lawn and garden pests that are commonly found surviving off your garden vegetable seeds include slugs and snails. They have insatiable appetites for plants and attack seeds that are least able to resist them. CORRY'S® Slug & Snail Pellets are easy to broadcast across an infested area, can be used around vegetables, fruits, flowers, and



ornamental plants, and are rain and sprinkler resistant, providing a long-lasting slug-and snail-free garden.

If a variety of insects make it into your garden we recommend you use Sevin® in your garden and broadcast across your entire lawn. There's a Sevin product appropriate for many outdoor insect problems, including on vegetables, fruits, ornamentals, trees, shrubs, and lawns. It's trusted because it does not break through plant tissue and it is easily broken down by the environment leaving your yard and garden for your family to inhabit, rather than insects.

If you are a gardener who believes in minimizing products with traditional solutions for your family, pet, and environment, but still want a product to control pests, weeds, fungi, and disease, we recommend you use WORRY FREE®. Derived from natural sources, WORRY FREE is certified organic, and is made of less traditional solutions.

### **Fertilize**

Lawns require more than 16 different elements to thrive and survive. Fortunately, all but three are already present in your soil. What you need to add are nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium. When and how often you fertilize really depends on how badly you want to outdo your neighbor, but as a general rule of thumb, lawns need to be fed three to four times every season, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day. You can also mix in pest control, such as Maxide Grub Killer, with your fertilizer to kill two birds with one stone.

### **Reduce your risk for fungus and lawn disease**

Fungus spores are everywhere and typically activate in cases of extreme weather such as droughts, heavy rains, high humidity, and unseasonably hot or cool temperatures. Fungus, and the resulting lawn disease, is difficult to predict and prepare for because homeowners have little control over Mother Nature.

However, there are some steps homeowners can take to limit their risk to fungus. First, aerate on a regular basis (at least twice every season), water in the morning so that excess can be evaporated during the afternoon, and limit thatch to just one half of an inch. This will allow water, oxygen, and nutrients to flow freely through the soil. However, all is not lost if you find yourself with a fungus infection. Maxide Lawn Disease Killer® attacks harmful fungus, usually killing it in 24 hours, and then penetrates the soil preventing a recurrence for up to four weeks.



### **Plant a Recession Garden**

In these recessionary times, saving money is a main objective of most households. Why not try to do so and have healthy fun at the same time? In an effort to reduce the bill at the grocery store, many Americans are turning to home gardens for their produce. These "Recession Gardens," as they have been dubbed by gardeners, not only provide families with fresh, clean, good-tasting produce, but also a real sense of accomplishment in the garden that is rarely equaled by other activities. Plant now for harvesting later this summer!

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