

The following is a list of resources about common diseases, pests, and solutions for your organic garden. The specific plants listed are commonly grown at the Community Garden and were the crops that several of the gardener plots had trouble with during the 2009 growing season.

All print resources listed are available at the Killingworth Library and the electronic resources are available free through the world wide web.

Killingworth Library

Association

www.killingworthlibrary.org

Killingworth Community

Gardens

www.kwgardens.org

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY GARDEN?



**A RESOURCE GUIDE TO
COMMON PROBLEMS
WITH YOUR ORGANIC
GARDEN.**

Troubleshooting by crop

Tomatoes

<http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/DiagnosticKeys/TomLeaf/TomLeafKey.html>

This site, published by Cornell University, provides drawings, photographs, and organized tables to help you identify what is ailing your tomato plant and how to control the problem. The site is very useful for diagnosing your plants' problem, and for providing extensive information on each symptom.

Squash

<http://www.squashgrowingtips.com/squashtroubleshooting.htm>

This website is dedicated to growing squash. It briefly describes common pests and diseases that plague squash plants as well as common organic solutions.

<http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/DiagnosticKeys/CucKey.html>

This site, published by Cornell University, provides drawings, photographs, and organized tables to help you identify what is ailing your squash plant and how to control the problem. The site is very useful for diagnosing your plants' problem, and for providing extensive information on each symptom.

Cucumber

<http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/cucumberbeetle.html> This page dedicated to the cucumber beetle, the damage it inflicts on plants and how to organically manage the insect. It also provides excellent links to resources and an extensive reference list.

Eggplant

<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=FS011>

This brief article published by Rutgers University addresses blossom end rot and how to treat it. Photos of infected vegetables are included.

General Pest & Disease Troubleshooting

Most of these resources not only provide general information about common diseases and pests, but also index by plant type and/or pest and disease type for easier access to the information you are looking for.

Free Web Resources:

Vegetable MD

<http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/cropindex.htm>

This site lists crop varieties. Simply click on the crop you'd like to know more about, and the link will take you information about diseases and pests that plague the plant.

GardenManuals.com

<http://www.gardenmanuals.com/index.php/planting-vegetables/plant-disease>

This article provides a general introduction to common vegetable plant disease.

OrganicGardenPests.com

<http://www.organicgardenpests.com/organicpestcontrol3.html>

This site lists common vegetable garden pests. Each insect entry includes illustrations, the plants they target, and management techniques.

HowStuffWorks.com

<http://home.howstuffworks.com/organic-pest-control-for-a-vegetable-garden.htm#>

This article gives general descriptions of organic ways to control and prevent pests in your garden.

General Pest & Disease Troubleshooting

Print Resources:

Gillman, J. (2006). *The truth about garden remedies: What works, what doesn't, & why.*

If you are looking to learn more about homemade (and commercial) pest repellents and if they really work, this is the book for you.

Greenwood, P. (2000). *American horticulture society: Pest & Diseases.*

A helpful guide to diagnosing what is ailing your crop. To search by crop type, go to page 202.

Hamilton, G. (1993). *The organic garden book.*

A complete general guide to organic gardening. Its section on pest control offers advice on companion planting as technique to deter pests.

McGrath, M. (1996). *The best of organic gardening.*

This book is a collection of over fifty years of organic advice and reader-proven techniques from Rodale's *Organic Gardening* magazine. It offers a variety of techniques to control pests.

Pleasant, B. (1994). *The gardener's bug book: earth-safe insect control.*

This book is true to its title; it's all about what bugs you don't want in your garden and remedies to get rid of them. It has a very helpful section that matches crops to the bugs that infest them.

Long, C. (2000). *Rodale organic gardening solutions: Over 500 answers to real life questions from backyard gardeners.*

A Q&A format on a broad range of gardening topics, including battling insects.

Starcher, A.M. (1995). *Good Bugs for your garden.*

Beautiful and playful illustrations compliment this informative guide to the bugs that are beneficial to your garden.