

No Arsenal Needed For Bug Control in Garden

Controlling insects in the home garden is a job that can be handled by one or two good insecticides. There's no need to stockpile an arsenal for the job.

Gardeners, especially the less experienced ones, may get "carried away" with all the materials available for killing bugs and feel compelled to buy some of each one. This multiplies the danger of having poisons around the house, in addition to increasing costs.

Dr. H. E. Scott, extension entomologist at North Carolina State University, said two materials that have broad application for garden use are malathion and sevin. Another product, Gardona, is also available for general use but has more limited application.

"Either malathion or sevin should provide adequate insect control in most gardens," Dr. Scott said. "Both are safe when used as directed by the manufacturer."

Aphids, which are always a problem on a wide variety of vegetables, are best controlled with malathion.

However, sevin may give better control on such pests as the bean beetle, tomato fruitworm and the imported cabbageworm (cabbage butterfly).

Malathion is available as an emulsifiable concentrate, wettable powder or dust. Sevin comes as a wettable powder, dust or as a "flowable" formulation to be mixed with water.

Dr. Scott said gardeners will no longer be able to find garden insecticides containing DDT. This product was officially removed from the market effective Dec. 31, 1972. He added that gardeners shouldn't regard this as much of a loss since the other products that are available are more effective in garden insect control. NCSU hasn't suggested using DDT in home gardens for several years.

Scott cautioned that malathion, sevin and all other insecticides should be used only as directed on the container label; that the materials should be kept well out of reach of children, preferably locked up; and that empty containers should be disposed of properly.

Garden Time

Plants in Containers Can Still Be Planted

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If you are as far behind with your home gardening chores as most everyone else in North Carolina, there is still time to plant container grown plants such as roses. You should try Gypsy, Electron and Medallion. These are the three All-America winners for 1973 and all are hybrid teas. Gypsy is a fine red variety and the first rose in the red class to win an All-America award since Mr. Lincoln in 1965.

There are many other container grown plants available -- hollies, etc., if you are late due to extremely wet soil. Container grown plants are easily transplanted. Just be careful when knocking the ball from the can and placing it in the permanent location. Remember to dig the hole about twice as large as the root ball and fill in with good soil.

I recently received a letter from a Chapel Hill reader who wanted to plant the Carlos and Magnolia varieties of muscadine grapes. I knew that bud activity had begun on some of our experimental plants, so I suggested container grown plants and put her in touch with sources of supply.

House plants will

benefit from a shower bath to remove dust from the leaves and reduce the likelihood of insect damage. A fixed or attachable shower head will be fine. Repeat any that have become root (or pot) bound and begin a regular feeding program about once a week for all in active growth. A liquid or water soluble fertilizer is best for feeding and should be used according to instructions. Water often enough to keep the soil moist but never wet. Over-watering is a common trouble which will prevent maximum performance.

Sow seeds of heat resistant annuals as soon as the soil is suitable, in the lower Piedmont and Coastal Plain. Wait about one week for each 1,000 feet rise in elevation in the mountains. Here are some you might try -- cosmos, marigold, sunflower, petunia, salvia, zinnia and other favorites.

Tender crops may now be sown in the vegetable garden in the lower Piedmont and eastern Carolina. Wait until danger of injury by frost has passed in the mountains.

Start early with pesticide programs on all crops to protect them from insect and disease pests. You'll be glad you did.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Bird's home
- Tibetan monk
- Fruit drink
- Above
- So be it
- Edge
- Puppet
- French "the"
- One who moves ahead
- Go on, urge
- Act
- Boy's name
- Girl's name
- Either
- Annul
- Meditated
- Protect
- Hymn of praise
- That man
- Godde
- Wander
- Cod, sole, etc.
- Aural organs
- Confidence
- That thing Latin
- Seek
- Orient
- Body organ
- Fact collection
- Mineral rocks
- Woody plant
- Type size
- Prison
- Polish river
- Greek letter
- Portuguese island
- Not consumed
- Sun
- Exclamation three
- Cement for bricks
- Serfs
- Poetry
- Mohammedan lord
- Weakness
- Measure system
- Insect
- View
- Exclamation
- Boundary
- Deceiver
- Musical note
- Gem
- I would
- Prefix: new
- Suffix: plural
- Tantalum: chem.

Answer to Puzzle

1. NEST 2. LAMA 3. JUICE 4. ABOVE 5. SO BE IT 6. EDGE 7. PUPPET 8. THE 9. LEADER 10. GO ON 11. ACT 12. BOY'S NAME 13. GIRL'S NAME 14. EITHER 15. ANNUL 16. MEDITATED 17. PROTECT 18. HYMN OF PRAISE 19. THAT MAN 20. GODDESS 21. WANDER 22. COD, SOLE, ETC. 23. AURAL ORGANS 24. CONFIDENCE 25. THAT THING LATIN 26. SEEK 27. ORIENT 28. BODY ORGAN 29. FACT COLLECTION 30. MINERAL ROCKS 31. WOODY PLANT 32. TYPE SIZE 33. PRISON 34. POLISH RIVER 35. GREEK LETTER 36. PORTUGUESE ISLAND 37. NOT CONSUMED 38. SUN 39. EXCLAMATION THREE 40. CEMENT FOR BRICKS 41. SERFS 42. POETRY 43. MOHAMMEDAN LORD 44. WEAKNESS 45. MEASURE SYSTEM 46. INSECT 47. VIEW 48. EXCLAMATION 49. BOUNDARY 50. DECEIVER 51. MUSICAL NOTE 52. GEM 53. I WOULD 54. PREFIX: NEW 55. SUFFIX: PLURAL 56. TANTALUM: CHEM.

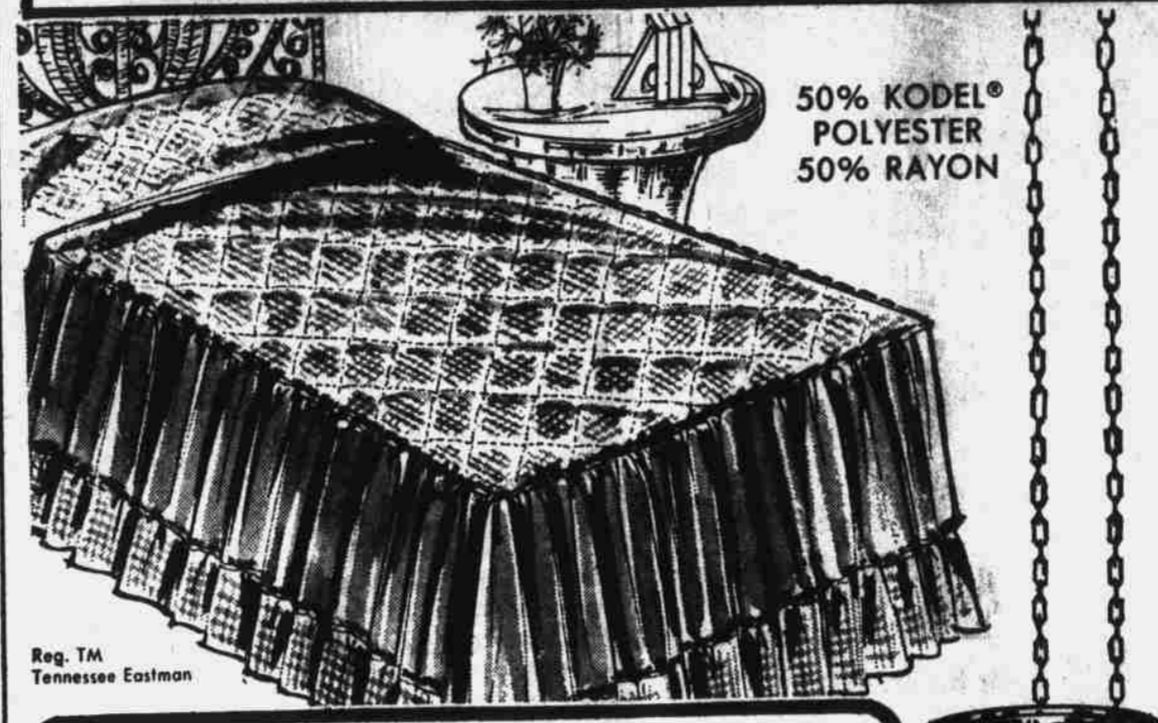
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