

USEFULL PRODUCTS EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE FOR THE GARDEN

ORGANIC/SAFE

Organic granular fertilizer for general purpose use. There are several good ones (Espoma, Happy Frog, Texas Tea, Medina, etc). Normally apply 2 x year as per label.

Liquid concentrate fertilizer for pots and small plants. Medina Hasta Gro 6-12-6.

Liquid seaweed concentrate for germination and root development. It may suppress spider mites.

Medina Plus liquid concentrate for microbial and soil health. Has micronutrients and helps with compaction and overall soil and plant health. Normally apply 2 x year.

Sluggo Plus insecticide kills slugs, snails, pillbugs, earwigs, cutworms.

Spinosad (comes with different brand names) excellent control of caterpillar and chewing insects.
BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) excellent control of caterpillar.

Horticultural Oil helps with mites, scales.

Insecticidal soap very good safe contact suppression of aphids, other piercing sucking insects.

Horticultural Vinegar 20% is a good contact herbicide. It is not systemic so is limited and you must be careful as it can injure you but many times is better than the chemical alternative. The best weed control is to pull the weeds. Unfortunately, some weeds are not "pullable", i.e. they break so must be treated chemically.

CHEMICAL PESTICIDES (USE WITH GREAT CAUTION)

Image herbicide- this is the only way to control nutsedge. Follow label carefully.

Stump and Vine killer herbicide- this is the only way to kill unwanted vines and hackberry or other invasives. Carefully use eyedropper for 1-3 drops on freshly cut stump. Do not spray. Do not spill. Be Careful!

PRODUCTS TO AVOID

The biggest selling fertilizer in the country is Scott's Weed and Feed. It is one of the worse products ever put on the market! I have seen countless cases of tree damage as well as other broadleaf plants damaged by this product. Weed and Feed products should NEVER be used!

