

# Organic pesticide good for conscientious gardeners

by Agnes Millward  
The day is cool, breezy and with a sundog around the sun, heralding stormy weather perhaps?

However the gardens are growing nicely, the iris, peony and oriental poppy are a blaze of colour now and we are eating our spring onions. Last week's rains produced lush green lawns, swollen flower buds and vegetable seedlings breaking

through the soil in neat green rows. Unfortunately the rains brought cool days and cold nights so I hope everyone is keeping an eye on tender plants such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and cucumbers. They are heat loving plants which don't take kindly to our cool north winds so perhaps a little protection may be wise this week. Along with the summer flowers and vegetables come all the pests which

send us into a helpless rage as we discover plants under attack. There is no need to be completely helpless though as there are many tools at hand to help combat pest infiltrations.

I am not one to turn the air blue with various pesticides, quite the opposite. The situation must be rather drastic before I resort to the deadliest pesticides, as I know some are harmful

not only to us but to wildlife also. I will chase squirrels with a broom before I'd poison them in an indirect fashion, and the same applies to the birds and the skunk which makes a mess of garbage on a weekly basis. And not to forget Silkie the cat who enjoys the odd blade of grass, dragon fly or dust bath. If you are totally against pesticides, try the various companion planting combinations mentioned in

the previous articles or hope for the best. There is one pesticide dust that I keep on hand which is reasonably safe, with good results. This pesticide is Rotenone, which is an organic dust made from the roots of a tropical plant. It is safe to use up to one day before eating a vegetable without leaving a poisonous residue. For best results dust on a calm day, trying to coat the plants with a fine layer of dust. However, you will have to re-apply after a rainfall.

Rotenone can handle most garden pests which attack either vegetables or flowers. An effective way of keeping your garden reasonably clear of pests is to establish a regular dusting schedule which in many cases will prevent damage rather than waiting for damage to occur. I try to dust at 15 day intervals, shortening the time intervals to one week apart if serious damage is occurring in the garden. Mildew is a fungus which will develop on plants in the garden and

about the only prescription I can give for mildew is to stop watering at night and to check the affected plants for good ventilation. For cutworms, which will topple your tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli etc. place foil or cardboard collars around stalks when you plant them. This will eliminate any cutworm losses.

Many people complain of black, ugly scabs on the bottom of tomatoes as they ripen. This is called blossom rot and is attributed to lack of moisture when the plants are beginning to show fruit. This sounds contradictory but tomatoes do bloom higher on the stalk whilst fruit is developing lower on the stalk. We all know and love juicy, red tomatoes, warm from the sun but keep in mind they need a tremendous amount of water to ripen, so sufficient moisture through all stages of growth is necessary. Peppers are the same.

A good pepper is uniform in shape, crisp and juicy. Again there is a high water content in the vegetable and again adequate moisture is a must. Roses require a rigid spray program for maximum performance from your plants. I recommend an all-purpose pesticide

fungicide developed especially for roses, used according to label directions.

With spray can in hand, I leave you to cope with your own pests, whether they be cats, dogs or beetle-bugs, as I'm off to wage war with my own patch.

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Softball champs

The girls' softball team from Huron Park downed Mansignor Castex 31-7 to win the Midland and District Elementary School Girls' Softball Championships Friday. The team consists of: (back row left to right)

Brenda Murray (coach), Tina Lehr, Linda Moseley, Vicki Shaw, Dayle Pender, Karen Scott. Front row: Victoria Ehrmcke, Kim Worthen, Lynn Moore, Laurie Brown, Cathy Duncan, Laura Edwards. Staff photo

## OPP report

Davis Congdon of Port Severn is charged with careless driving following an accident Saturday, June 11 on Honey Harbour Rd., one and a half mile west of Highway 69. Congdon was south-bound when his vehicle went out of control at a curve causing a 180 degree turn backwards into a vehicle driven by Clinton Clark of Mississauga.

Congdon received minor injuries and Clark received minimal ones. Clark's passengers Eva Hart and Doris Allen, also of Mississauga were taken by ambulance to the Hospital with minor injuries.

Damage to Clark's car is estimated at \$2,500 and Congdon's car received \$1,000 worth of damages.

**Young boy shot in backyard**  
Robert Pauselli, aged 10 was flying his kite in his back yard on Lone Pine Rd. when he was struck in the calf with a bullet.

His father, Bruno Pauselli, rushed him to the Huronia District Hospital on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and he was then transferred to North Western Hospital in Toronto.

O.P.P. Constable Eric Weise seized two weapons and ammunition from two men near the area and the weapons are being examined by Forensic Sciences in Toronto.

**Church Windows smashed**

Three men have been charged with public mischief after an incident Saturday, June 11 where 19 windows of Waubausene Memorial United Church were smashed.

Eighteen of the windows were frosted glass and one was stained glass. The damage is estimated at \$200.

Charged are Rick Gorgichuk, Charles Thomas Moreau both of Waubausene and Danny Howell of Tay Township. All had cuts on their hands when arrested.

**Marijuana growing in Tiny Township**  
The O.P.P. have found four plots of marijuana plants growing in Tiny Township at the 13th concession. Twelve plants were found growing and as of yet no one has been charged.

**Seven charges against driver**  
A collision just outside the parking lot of the Port McNicoll Community Center resulted in seven charges being laid against one driver.

Doug Howard of Port McNicoll was turning into the Medical Center parking lot when he collided with Isadore Arthur of Port McNicoll who was coming out of the parking lot.

Arthur sustained \$500 damage and Howard's car damage is estimated at \$100.

Howard is charged with possession of a stolen car, driving with no insurance and no licence plates and driving under suspension. In addition he is charged with impaired driving, driving with over .08 alcohol in his system, dangerous driving and criminal negligence in operating a motor vehicle.

**Motorcycle accident**  
Robert Anderson of Perkinsfield is charged with a minor violation of the Highway Traffic Act after colliding with a motorcycle driven by

Dean Troyer of Woodbridge.

Anderson was pulling out of the Lesperance BP station as Troyer was eastbound on Balm Beach Rd. when the collision occurred.

Troyer was taken to hospital in an ambulance but had only minor injuries. His motorcycle needs \$600 worth of repair work and Anderson's damages will cost \$100.

**Hydro pole hit, \$1,500 damage to car**  
Gord Scott of Scarborough and his passengers Larry Weldon and Leslie Fogarais received only minimal injuries when Scott hit a hydro pole on Patterson Blvd. near Paradise Point. The car did not fare as well, receiving \$1,500 damage. Scott is charged with careless driving.

**Cottage shed broken into**  
The storage shed of Ron Brook's cottage in Clearwater was broken into over the weekend. A Viking outboard motor with 25 horsepower valued at \$275, was stolen. Anyone having any information about the break-in should contact the O.P.P.

**Rock Hurlled through windshield**  
Donna Griffen of Toronto and her passenger Keith Waite were travelling south on Highway 69 near Port Severn when a rock came smashing through the windshield.

The rock was the size of a coffee mug and landed in the back seat after giving minor cuts to the faces of Griffen and Waite. Damage to the Gremlin is estimated at \$200.

Conrad Duguay, also of Toronto, is charged with public mischief. Light standard damaged Mike Pillarella of

Sudbury is charged with careless driving after causing \$1,500 damage to his car when he hit a light standard. Damage to the light standards is \$800. The accident occurred at 7:40 a.m. on Sunday, June 12 on Highway 12 just south of Highway 69.

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Helping hands

The Progressive Conservative Committee Room on Hugel St. was in a flurry Thursday night as the election results were phoned in and marked up. At left is Mayor Moreland Lynn who

manned the phones, Brian Parr with the adding machine in front of him and at right is Midland campaign organizer Fred Hacker.