

Pest Problems of Cucumber, Pumpkin and Squash



Powdery Mildew



Plant varieties that are resistant or tolerant to powdery mildew.

Virus



Plant varieties that are tolerant or resistant to virus.

Remove weeds in the field.

Angular Leaf Spot

Bacterial Disease



Plant resistant varieties.

Use drip irrigation to keep leaves dry. Do not work in plants when wet.

Remove and destroy or bury infected plants after harvest.

Do not plant cucumber, pumpkin, squash or melon in the same location for 2 –3 years.

Do not save seed from infected plants.

Anthracnose

Fungal Disease



Squash Bug



Remove plant debris around garden during garden season and fall.

Remove and destroy eggs.

Remove or knock off squash bugs into container of soapy water.

Trap squash bugs under boards and remove in the morning.

Squash Vine Borer



Plant butternut squash, cucumbers, melons, and watermelons as they are not normally attacked.

Make a second plant of summer squash in early July.

Use yellow pans of water to detect when adult moths are first active.

Use row covers when adult moths are first active (late June/early June). Leave for 2 weeks and then remove.

Remove and destroy plants killed by squash vine borers.



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