

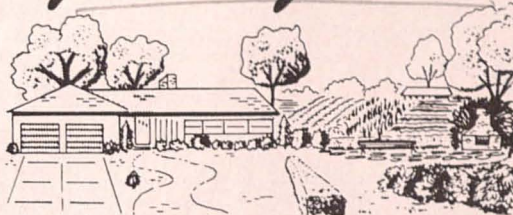
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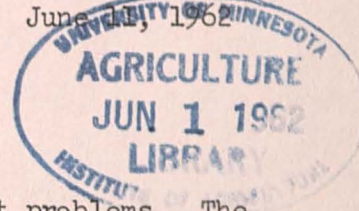


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Almost all trees, shrubs and flowers have their insect problems. The infestation of insects will be worse some years than others. But gardeners should be ready to control pests in order to avoid extensive damage to garden plantings.

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Aphids are among the more common insects on ornamentals. Usually they're found on the newly growing tips or clustered around the stem. They vary in color but most are black, reddish or green. Malathion is effective as a spray or dust.

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Red spider or spider mites cause considerable damage. Often these tiny pests cannot be seen on the plant. They attack evergreens as well as shrubs and flowers. Sometimes they can be seen if the branch is tapped lightly over a piece of white paper. When used for aphids, malathion may help control mites. Also effective are aramite, dimite, Kelthane and ovex.

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Most chewing insects can be controlled with DDT or methoxychlor spray or dust.

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