

## Home Remedies for Plant Problems

### Compost Tea Recipe

To deliver a disease-fighting punch to lawn problems and boost the health of your landscape plantings, give them a spot of tea! Mix compost and water at a 1:3 ratio. Put one part compost in an old pantyhose leg and tie a knot. Hang this in a bucket with 3 parts water for 3 days, occasionally giving the “teabag” a swish through the water. Pour around base of plants or, using a spray bottle, spritz tea on leaves. The contents of the “teabag” can then be spread in the garden beds. Here’s to plant health!

### Recipe For Garden Insect Spray

1 head of garlic + 2 cups boiling water + 2 tsp vegetable oil + 1 tsp liquid soap + 2 more cups water

Mash garlic and put in jar with boiling water. Cover tightly and let sit overnight. Strain out garlic pulp. Add 2 cups water, oil and soap: Stir to mix. Pour half of the mixture in a spray bottle. Freeze the rest for repeat use. Spritz under leaves, on stems and ground where insects are causing plant stress. Remember - know who your friends are! Some insects are beneficial to your garden.