



AZILDA GREENHOUSES

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1 Million Acts of Green

Cut worms



Control:

- ▶ **Till soil as early** as possible in the spring and then leave **fallow for 2 weeks**. This removes the first crop of weeds that cutworm larvae need to survive. Later planting may avoid the larvae hatching period.
- ▶ One week before setting out plants scatter a moist mixture of **bran mixed with BTK and molasses** over the surface of the beds
- ▶ Cutworms also like **cornmeal** which they cannot digest causing problems – add some **BTK** for sure fatality
- ▶ Put **collars made of cardboard or plastic around transplant stems** at planting pushing collar into the ground to a depth of 1 inch (2.5) cm
- ▶ Use a clump of **clover or sprouts** half buried as bait to draw a number of cut worms - then squash them
- ▶ Dig around damaged plants in the morning - destroy larvae hiding below the soil
- ▶ Get out at night with a flash light and handpick
- ▶ Plant sunflowers and marigolds (till the marigolds into the soil at the end of season)

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- ▶ Suggestions from Garden Centre Customers