



AZILDA GREENHOUSES

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1 Million Acts of Green **ONION MAGGOT**

Onion Maggots burrow into developing onions or leeks and kill young plants, stunt older plants.



Control Options

- ▶ Sprinkle rows liberally with cayenne pepper, ginger, dill or chili powder
- ▶ Sprinkle a little empson salts in the rows (careful – it is a salt)
(do not use other soaks with this treatment)
- ▶ Plant cull (disposable) onions around the borders and down the rows of seedlings to act as a trap - pull & destroy trap 2 weeks after sprouting
- ▶ Plant onions **late** to avoid the first generation of flies.
- ▶ Place 4 inch wide tarpaper strip around plants this repels the adults and they find somewhere else to lay their eggs
- ▶ Use a limewater drench – soak 2 pounds of lime in 5 gallons of water for at least 24 hours – make sure the lime has settled to the bottom. Pour off the clear water & use it to soak the soil at the base of plants
(do not use other soaks with this treatment)
- ▶ Use row covers to prevent adults laying eggs

- ▶ Bugs, Slugs and Other Thugs Controlling Garden Pests Organically By Rhonda Massingham Hart
- ▶ How to get your Lawn and Garden Off Drugs - Pesticide free gardening for a healthier environment. By Carole Rubin
- ▶ Rodale – The Organic Gardeners Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control
A complete Problem Solving Guide to Keeping Your Garden and Yard Healthy without Chemicals.
Edited by Barbara W. Ellis and Fern Marshall Bradley
- ▶ Botanix Plant Protection Centre.
- ▶ Suggestions from Garden Centre Customers