



AZILDA GREENHOUSES

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POTATO BEETLE

Colorado Potato Beetle will eat leaves of potatoes, tomatoes, eggplants,
Females lay up to 1000 eggs!

Control:

- ▶ Trap larvae by planting a **datura** near susceptible plants (larvae feeding on the leaves of the plant are poisoned and die).
- ▶ Companion plantings such as cilantro, French marigold, petunia or flax are a deterrent to beetle's infestation
- ▶ Mulch with ornamental cedar bark or straw to reduce the presence of the beetles (they are somewhat lazy climbers!)
- ▶ The best prevention is to hand pick adults before they lay eggs
- ▶ In early morning shake adults from plants onto a catch cloth & destroy
- ▶ Feed them to death
Sprinkle potato plants with water and then dust well with wheat bran. The bran ,once moistened swells to a point where the beetles cuticle gives under pressure. Greedy beetles eat lots and explode!
- ▶ Check for eggs on the under surface of leaves and crush them
- ▶ Spray plants weekly with beetle juice (directions as for Bug juice) or neem or pyrethrin
- ▶ Spray plants with a solution of 2Tablespoons Epsom salt dissolved in a gallon of water

- ▶ 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