



## EcoNugget

### Pesky bugs in the garden! Oh my!

- **Know** your pest so you know how to manage it. Only 1% of insects are problematic.
- **Be Vigilant** to prevent full infestation.
- **Grow** healthy plants as they attract fewer pests and are more resilient to damage.
- **Grow** pest-resistant varieties of plants, shrubs, and trees.
- **Attract** beneficial insects such as parasitic wasps and ladybugs that control insects such as aphids, leaf miners, and hornworms by growing diverse plants in your yard.
- **Handpicking** and destroying many pests are better than using pesticide.
- **Use** insecticides as a **last resort** as they kill the good guys too.
- **Avoid** use of home remedies unless recommended from a reputable source.

To learn more go to:

<https://omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/index.php#pest>

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