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PLANT	PEST	CONTROL
ASTER	Aphid	Dust using 1% lindane. Spray using either 1½ teaspoonfuls 40% nicotine sulphate, 2 tablespoonfuls soap to 1 gallon of water or 1 tablespoonful of 25% lindane wettable powder to 1 gallon of water or malathion - 1½ tablespoonfuls per gallon of water.
	Tarnished Plant Bug	Use 5% DDT dust or spray with 50% DDT wettable powder at a rate of 1½ tablespoonfuls per gallon of water. Several applications may be necessary to protect valuable plants from these pests.
	Thrips	See Gladiolus for field treatment.
CALENDULA	Aphids Leafhopper	See Aster. Dust or spray with DDT as for tarnished plant bug.
CHRYSANTHEMUM	Aphids	See Aster.
	Greenhouse Leaf Tier	Spray or dust with DDT as for tarnished plant bug on Asters.
	Tarnished Plant Bug	See Aster.
	Thrips	See Gladiolus for field treatment.
	Corn Earworm	Dust or spray using DDT
COLEUS	Mealy bugs	Malathion - 1½ tablespoonfuls of 25% W. P. per gallon.
COLUMBINE	Borer	Cut out and burn as much of the infested plant as possible. Probing with a flexible wire may kill some of the borers.
	Leaf miner	Spray with a nicotine sulphate and soap solution as for four-lined plant bug on Zinnia. The infestation may be reduced by picking and burning infested leaves.
DAHLIA	Four-lined Plant Bug	See Zinnia.
	Stalk Borer	Split stem and remove borer.
	Tarnished Plant Bug	See Aster.
GLADIOLUS	Fall Armyworm	Treat with either DDT or Toxaphene sprays or dusts. Aldrin or dieldrin is also effective.
	Thrips	<b>On Corms</b> - Infested corms can be freed of thrips by placing them in paper bags or covered boxes and dusting with 5% DDT at a rate of ½ oz. per bushel of corms. <b>In the field</b> - Use lindane 1% dust or a spray containing 1 tablespoonful of 25% lindane W.P. or 1½% dieldrin dust or a spray containing 2 teaspoonfuls of 50% dieldrin W.P. in 1 gallon of water.
HOLLYHOCK	Borer	A small amount of DDT solution may be injected into the tunnel opening and kill the borer. Otherwise splitting the stem and removing the borer is the only control measure.
IRIS	Borer	The young caterpillars at first feed on the leaves as miners causing tear-shaped lesions. They later enter the body of the plant where the severe damage occurs. Spray as soon as damage to leaves is noted with either lead arsenate at 3 tablespoonfuls or DDT at 1½ tablespoonfuls of the 50% wettable powder per gallon of water. If the borers reach the roots, lift the plants after they bloom and remove borers and all the damaged area.
LARKSPUR	Leaf miner	Remove and burn all infested leaves. Treat with sprays containing either nicotine sulphate 40% at a rate of 1½ teaspoonfuls per gallon of water or pyrethrum. Clean up around the base of the plants in the fall.
MARIGOLD	Greenhouse Leaf Tier	See Chrysanthemum.
	Blister Beetle	Dust with 70% cryolite.
	Red Spiders	Dusting sulphur gives good control of these pests. Aramite, parathion and malathion are also effective.

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MORNING GLORY	Golden Tortoise Beetle	Spray or dust with DDT as for tarnished plant bug on Aster.
NARCISSUS	Bulb Fly	Cull out infested bulbs at time of harvest. Fumigate infested bulbs with cyanide, using 16 ounces of granular calcium cyanide to 100 cubic feet of space. Calcium cyanide is a deadly gas, therefore, follow the manufacturers directions. The hot water treatment may also be used. That is, immersing the bulbs in water of 110-111.5° F for 1½ hours soon after they are lifted.
NASTURTIUM	Aphids Cabbage Worms	See Aster. Dust or spray using DDT as for the control of tarnished plant bug on Aster. Toxaphene or rotenone may also be used.
PANSY	Aphids	See Aster.
PEONY	Rose Chafer	Spray or dust with DDT or lead arsenate as for the borer on Iris. Toxaphene and pyrethrum treatments may also be used.
PETUNIA	Red Spider	See Marigold.
SALVIA	Whiteflies	Spray or dust with DDT as for rose budworm on Snapdragon.
SNAPDRAGON	Black Stinkbug Rose Budworm  Red Spider	See Tarnished plant bug on Aster. Remove infested buds. Dust with 5% DDT or lead arsenate or spray using 1½ tablespoonfuls of 50% wettable powder or 3 tablespoonfuls of lead arsenate per gallon of water. See Marigold.
VERBENA	Garden Webworm	Spray or dust plants with DDT or lead arsenate as for rose budworm or snapdragon. Treat at first signs of injury.
VIOLETS	Aphids  Mealy bugs	These insects may be controlled using nicotine sulphate 40% at a rate of 1½ teaspoonfuls plus 1 tablespoonful of soap flakes per gallon of water. Demeton* and malathion as for mealybugs may also be used effectively. Demeton* 25% emulsion at a rate of 1½ teaspoonfuls per gallon of water and applied as a soil drench gives good control. It will be absorbed by the plants thus poisoning the insects which feed on the sap. Malathion may also be used to control these pests.
ZINNIA	Four-lined plant bug	These pests are very active and difficult to control. 2-3% nicotine sulphate dusts or sprays containing 1½ teaspoonfuls of 40% nicotine sulphate per gallon of water are helpful. Rotenone sprays or dusts may also check infestations. Several applications may be necessary.

\* CAUTION: Demeton is extremely poisonous to humans; therefore take all precautions listed by the manufacturer. Remove treated plants from the home for 7 days after treatment.

