

These plants not only boost curb appeal, they also keep the pests in your garden in check. Plant a few, and reap the rewards.

Use Plants to Your Advantage

Plants that repel pests

- **Basil** repels flies. Place in pots in your window sills and in the kitchen or sun porch.
- **Catnip** repels mosquitos, but, a word of caution: It will make your yard very popular to neighborhood cats.
- **Artemesia** (including wormwood and sagebrush) repels ants, whiteflies and moths and may repel mice.
- **Marigolds** repel insects
- **Garlic** repels insects and rabbits.
- **Spearmint** repels ants, fleas, moths and rodents

Plants that attract beneficial insects

Not all bugs are bad. Some insects—such as ladybugs, lacewings and ground beetles—keep the bad bugs at bay. Attract beneficial insects with the following plants:

Plant	What it attracts:
Bachelor's Buttons	Ladybugs, lacewings, beneficial wasps
Sweet Alyssum	Flower flies
Borage	Lacewings
Anise Hyssop	Butterflies, bees
Golden Marguerite	Ladybugs, lacewings, flower flies
Ornamental Grasses	Ladybugs, ground beetles