

Squash Bug Control Checklist

INSPECTION & KILL METHODS

- Inspect undersides of leaves for eggs
- Remove visible eggs with sticky tape around your hands
- Hand-pick adults and nymphs and crush them
- Use soapy water to kill visible squash bugs

CREATIVE REMOVAL METHODS

- Vacuum with a hand-held vacuum cleaner
- Use trap boards overnight and flip them the morning
- Place cloth around plants & kill bugs that hide in them
- Flush bugs with water spray and kill them
- Disturb the soil to make the bugs easier to find
- Wrap stems of plants with sticky tape to slow bugs down
- Use a flashlight to inspect at night - bugs are slower
- Discard any badly damaged leaves to avoid reinfestation

NATURAL TREATMENTS FOR NYMPHS

- Apply neem oil the the morning or evening to kill nymphs
- Spray insecticidal soap on the underside of leaves as needed
- Apply food-grade diatomaceous earth at the base of plants

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