

Annual Squash Bug Prevention Checklist

GARDEN PREP (BEFORE PLANTING)

- Remove old squash vines and plant debris
- Discard old mulch, hay or straw
- Clear weeds and overgrown grass around borders
- Rotate squash to a new planting area

EARLY SEASON PROTECTION

- Install row covers at planting time
- Secure edges tightly to block adult squash bugs
- Remove covers only when plants begin flowering

ONGOING MONITORING

- Check the undersides of leaves, weekly
- Look for copper-colored egg clusters in v shaped leaf veins
- Watch for early signs of leaf discoloration or wilting
- If eggs or nymphs are found, treat them early

GENERAL GARDEN MAINTENANCE

- Keep the squash plant base clear of heavy mulch build up
- Remove plant debris during the growing season
- Avoid adding infested vines to your compost pile

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