

PEST CONTROL!

With Trent Vegetable Gardens!



BTK

BTK kills exclusively caterpillars that eat it but not any other insect. We used it as a spray for our cabbages and tomatoes when we noticed caterpillars. It is super helpful in managing the amount of them but does need to reapplication after rainfall.



BUG SQUISHING

One of the most tedious ways of managing pests but also one of the most effective!

We would squish cucumber beetles and squash beetles first thing in the morning. Doing it in the early morning allowed us to get the beetles while they were still waking up!



DIATOMACEOUS EARTH

It is a fine powder made of tiny aquatic fossils. We spray it on plants that beetles eat. The Diatomaceous earth gets into the exoskeleton of the beetle and dries out its fats and oils. Diatomaceous earth should not consume it, and you should be cautious while using it. However, it is not bad for plants or other animals and can quickly rinse off.



DEER NETTING

Similar to Row Cover, this prevents animals from getting to the plants. However, a net with bigger holes allows bugs, such as pollinators, to get to the flowers. Deer Netting is excellent pest control for established plants farther into their life span.



COMPANION PLANTING

Companion planting is when you plant flowers amongst your vegetable so that bugs don't harm them. We use flowers such as marigolds and zinnias. This process distracts bugs from our veggies, allowing them to grow!



ROW COVER

Row cover is a thin gauze-like material placed over crops, preventing bugs and animals while still allowing moisture and sun to get to the plants. We've used row cover on many plants but especially our brassicas, which are deers favourites!

