



Companion Planting



Companion planting or repellent planting means mixing plants in a row so that plants with odors, tastes, or other characteristics repellent to pests are planted next to host plants that they like and damage. The insects find the mix of plants not to their liking and leave the garden for a better place to feed.



Try interplanting radishes and squash to repel squash bugs

An example is interplanting radishes with squash to repel squash bugs. Another is planting marigolds with tomatoes to repel tomato hornworms. Finding which plants work best for interplanting is a matter of trial and error in each geographical location.

Mixing flowers in a vegetable garden will help, but may attract some unwanted pests. Further, some plants inhibit others. The table is a list of further suggestions with which to begin your own experimentation.

Try these suggested companion plantings:

<u>Pests</u>	<u>Plant Repellent</u>
Ants.....	Spearmint, tansy, pennyroyal
Bean Leaf Beetle.....	Potato, onion, turnip
Colorado Potato Beetle.....	Green beans, coriander, nasturtium
Cowpea Curculio.....	Garlic, cloves, radish
Cucumber Beetle.....	Radish, tansy
Flea Beetle.....	Garlic, onion, mint
Harlequin Beetle.....	Radish, turnips, onion
Imported Cabbage Worm.....	Mint, sage, rosemary, hyssop
Japanese Beetle.....	Garlic, larkspur, red buckeye
Leafhopper.....	Geranium
Mexican Bean Beetle.....	Potato, onion, garlic, radish
Root-Knot Nematodes.....	French marigold
Spider Mites.....	Onion, garlic, cloves
Squash bug.....	Radish, marigold
Stink Bug.....	Radishes
Tarnished Plant Bug.....	Garlic, pepper
Thrips.....	Marigold
Tomato Hornworm.....	Marigold, sage
Whitefly.....	Marigold, nasturtium



Mixing marigolds and tomatoes can repel hornworms

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