

## Non-toxic pest control

Place this label on any clean plastic spray bottle. Use the recipe best suited to your needs. Always test the recipe on an inconspicuous leaf. Wait 24-48 hours to ensure there is no damage to your plants. Also, even though these recipes are non-toxic, keep them out of the reach of children & pets.

### Soft-bodied insects (mites, aphids, mealybugs):

Mix one tablespoon canola oil and a few drops of liquid soap into a quart of water. Shake well and pour into a spray bottle. Spray plant from above and below to reach all sides of the leaves. The oil smothers the insects.



# clean water

## PROGRAM

Protecting Alameda County Creeks, Wetlands & the Bay

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### Insects and fungal diseases:

Combine one tablespoon of cooking oil, 3/4 teaspoon of baking soda and a few drops of liquid soap (such as dish soap) into a quart of water. Pour into a spray container and apply.

### Ants

Mix water and liquid soap, and spray ants directly. If you have a colony in the walls, you may also have to use a bait trap.

### Powdery mildew:

Mix equal parts milk and water, and spray on infected plants. Three treatments, a week apart, should control the disease.