

These plants not only boost curb appeal, they also keep the pests in your garden in check. Plant a few, and reap the rewards.

# Use Plants to Your Advantage

## Plants that repel pests

- **Basil** repels flies. Place in pots in your window sills and in the kitchen or sun porch.
- **Catnip** repels mosquitos, but, a word of caution: It will make your yard very popular to neighborhood cats.
- **Artemesia** (including wormwood and sagebrush) repels ants, whiteflies and moths and may repel mice.
- **Marigolds** repel insects
- **Garlic** repels insects and rabbits.
- **Spearmint** repels ants, fleas, moths and rodents

## Plants that attract beneficial insects

Not all bugs are bad. Some insects—such as ladybugs, lacewings and ground beetles—keep the bad bugs at bay. Attract beneficial insects with the following plants:

Plant	What it attracts:
<b>Bachelor's Buttons</b>	Ladybugs, lacewings, beneficial wasps
<b>Sweet Alyssum</b>	Flower flies
<b>Borage</b>	Lacewings
<b>Anise Hyssop</b>	Butterflies, bees
<b>Golden Marguerite</b>	Ladybugs, lacewings, flower flies
<b>Ornamental Grasses</b>	Ladybugs, ground beetles