

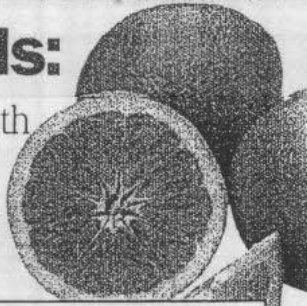
Backyard Problem Solver
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What's Bugging You?

■ Aphids:

Stop 'em dead with
orange peels—
the key ingredient
in my...



Rose Aphid Antidote

Take...

- ✓ 1 orange peel, coarsely chopped,
- ✓ 1 tbsp. of baby shampoo, and
- ✓ 2 cups of water



...then put in a blender and blend on high for 10–15 seconds. Strain out the pulp into a coffee filter, then pour the liquid into a handheld mist sprayer. Get out your hose and blast your roses with a high-pressure spray nozzle to dislodge the aphids. Then mist spray the plants...and it's adios aphids.

A mixture of ***baking soda and horticultural oil*** is an effective method of controlling powdery mildew. This fungicide also reduces or eliminates black spot to acceptable levels on resistant rose varieties. Use one rounded tablespoon (approximately four teaspoons) of baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) mixed with one tablespoon of horticultural oil per gallon of water, sprayed on a weekly basis or after a heavy rain. Note that baking soda can burn leaves: Apply in early morning and not at all during hottest weather.