

## Peppermint

Peppermint oil can work as an excellent pest repellent in your garden. Due to its subtle fragrance, it confuses insects by masking the smell of pheromones. It can also act as an irritant.

- Aphids, cabbage looper, flea beetles, squash bugs, whiteflies are some of the common pests that abhor the area where this peppermint oil pest repellent is sprayed.
- It can also serve as a repellent for slugs and snails.
- Mix 15-20 drops of peppermint oil, 5 drops of dish soap, 1-gallon water, spray on the infested plants once in a week or two. For a smaller batch, scale down the proportions.
- The optimum time to apply it is in the morning or evening.
- You can also add rosemary, thyme, and clove oil to this solution in equal parts to make it more effective.

Guidance for application recommends re-applying peppermint oil at 5 to 7 day intervals or after significant rainfalls.

Like all broad-spectrum pest controls, peppermint oil will also discourage beneficial insects such as bees, ladybugs and lacewings.