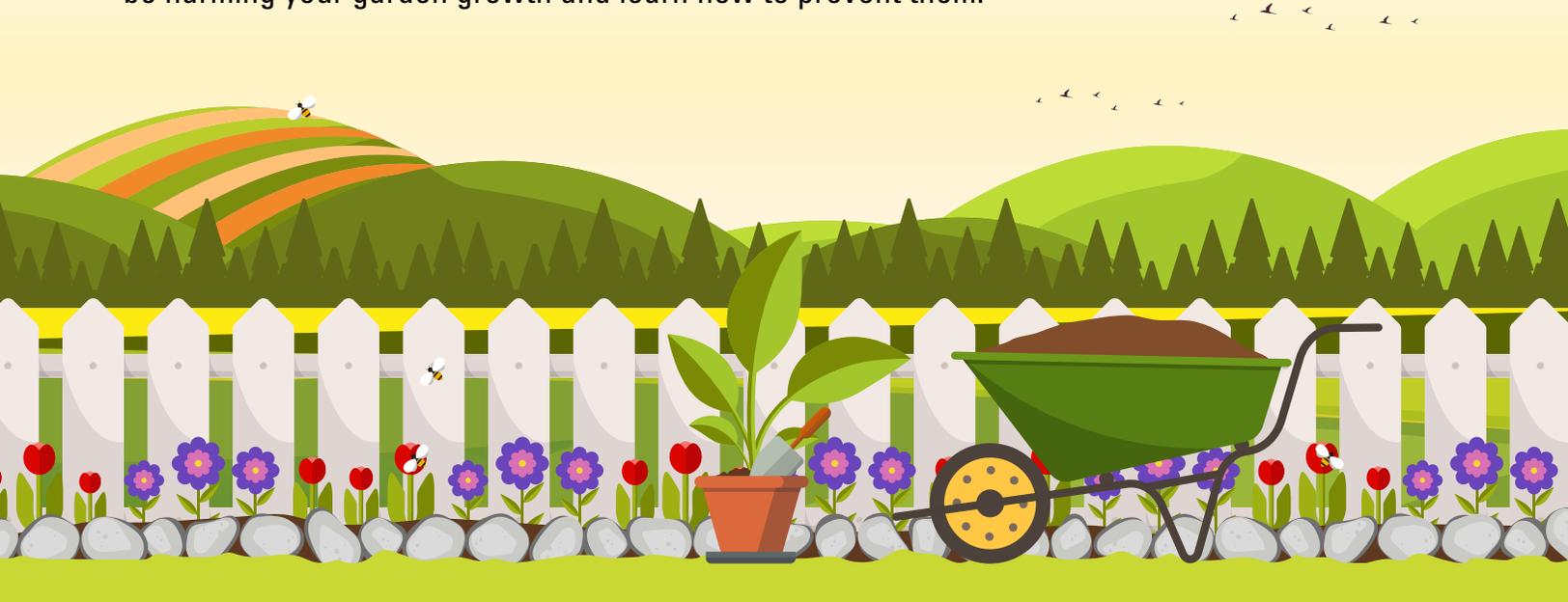


KEEP PESTS OUT OF THE GARDEN

No garden can flourish if the flowers and plants are continually eaten by unwanted pests. So, it's important to spot these pests quickly and eliminate them. Review these common pests that could be harming your garden growth and learn how to prevent them.



APHIDS

These small bugs feed on sap, causing stunted growth and even plant death. They also eat in large groups, allowing them to quickly destroy gardens and flower beds.

PLANT BUGS

These aptly-named creatures gnaw on flowers, weeds and garden plants, preventing healthy growth and causing discolouration.

GROUND BEETLES

While they won't munch on your plants (and even prey on other garden pests), ground beetles can be a nuisance if they try to make their way inside your home.

Now that you know the pests to watch out for in and around your garden, follow these landscaping tips to ensure your garden is in top shape.

- ✓ Eliminate overgrowth by weeding your garden frequently.
- ✓ Plant patunias, alliums, marigolds, dill and fennel as all these flowers and herbs help repel common garden pests.
- ✓ Avoid plants that produce nuts, seeds and fruit, as these offer easy food sources for pests.
- ✓ Trim overgrown vegetation and make sure branches don't touch your home. This can often lead to unwanted pests crawling inside.
- ✓ Keep mulch away from your home's foundation.
- ✓ Reduce outdoor lighting as much as possible, and use yellow bulbs instead of bright white ones, which can be attractive to many bugs.
- ✓ Check for signs of damage when watering and check the underside of leaves for discolouration.
- ✓ Be proactive and remove sickly looking plants and flowers as these attract unwanted pests.



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