



Aphid symptoms on your plants

Direct Damage

- Leaf curling and distortion: particularly on young, actively growing tissues where aphids prefer to feed
- Stunted growth: shoots fail to extend and canopies remain undersized
- Chlorosis (yellowing): nutrient depletion manifests as pale or yellowing foliage
- Deformed buds, flowers, and fruits
- Wilting despite adequate soil moisture, reduced vigour, and eventual plant death in severe, sustained infestations.

Indirect Damage

- Sticky, shiny residue (Honeydew) that coats leaf surfaces and fruit
- Sooty mould developing on honeydew, which physically blocks sunlight from reaching leaves
- Secondary pests such as ants and nuisance flies attracted to the honeydew
- Whitish exoskeletons accumulating in crop canopies and on produce from regular moulting

Viral disease symptoms (transmitted by aphids):

- Mosaic patterning on leaves
- Mottling
- Leaf rolling
- Stunting
- Significant yield collapse



Quick steps to get rid of aphids

- Horticultural oil or hose down the plant with water
- Encourage beneficial insects and natural predators
- Physical barriers or fine insect netting can be effective to protect vulnerable crops
- Chemical control options should be used as necessary

*For more information on aphids visit [**How to get rid of aphids.**](#)*