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SOOTY MOULD

Black Sooty mold is a sure sign that your plant has a sucking insect feeding on it, usually Scale, Aphids or Whitefly which are excreting honey dew, a perfect place for sooty mold to grow on.

Honeydew can drop from above and often lands on foliage of plants beneath the one with the insects on it. So be sure to look for the insects and treat the plant with the pest on it.

Once the insects have been treated the sooty mold will dry and flake off, you can help this by gently hosing the mold off.

Can also occur underneath an infected plant, as the honeydew (the sugary excretion) falls from the infected plant onto the foliage of plants below.

PREVENTION

Keep plants healthy by keeping them well fed and watered. Healthy plants are less likely to be attacked by sap sucking insects.

Attract predatory insects that prey on pest species into your garden by planting flowers such as: lavender, hyssop, borage, alyssum, and phacelia.

NATURAL TREATMENT

Spray plants thoroughly with [Bugtrol](#) being sure to get on the underside of the leaves and into all nooks and crannies.

Spray in the evening to avoid harming beneficial insects.

Treat the insect problem and the sooty mold will slowly disappear.

TREATMENT

Spray non edible species with [Groventive Garden](#) and [Bioneem](#) mixed together, if spraying onto palms and ferns omit the Bioneem.

For edible crops spray with [Bugtrol](#).

When using sprays and chemicals always read the label and follow instructions carefully. Spray in the evening to avoid harming beneficial insects.



SOOTY MOULD PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS

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