

The Bugs are Back!

It's been an easy winter, mild temperatures by Terrace standards. To the best of my knowledge the coldest day this year was less than half that of our record low. While this trend of warm winters is great for those tender plants, and tender people, it leaves us with a large problem that we have to contend with in the spring, BUGS. Tent caterpillars are on the go and growing fast and I have already seen aphids outside this year so don't lose any time. We are fortunate that safe pesticides and natural pest controls are being discovered every year.

There are more highly effective, safe and natural pest controls readily available today than ever before. Now nematodes, a microscopic organism, are available to add to the soil as a natural pest control for fungus gnats, white fly, weevils and much more. Ladybugs can be purchased to clean up aphids and scale. And BTK is very effective on tent caterpillars, cabbage worm leaf rollers, and tomato horn worm.

Though at times the task before us looks hopeless and the enemy formidable I assure you with our strong community spirit and God's help I know we will prevail.