

## Garlic Tea – plant tonic/stimulant (not a Pesticide)

To help prevent insect pests and foliage fungi.

Add 1 table spoon (15 ml) of garlic chips to 1 litre of water.

It is easier to place the garlic in a stocking to prevent it clogging the rose of your can

Allow the mixture to stand / ferment for 24 hours. Use within 48 hours for best results, you can make a few brews from each tablespoon.

Add 100 ml (1/2 a cup) of the tea coloured liquid to a 5 L (1 gallon) of water in a watering can with a fine rose. Spray over the whole crop and soil, but not if it is very hot, or in bright sunshine. (Keep off flowers).

For best results to help prevent carrot fly; cabbage fly; onion fly cabbage white butterfly etc – treat the new planting area the day before sowing or planting.

If transplanting, spray the seedlings the day before planting.

Once sown or planted out, spray the crop to keep the smell of newly disturbed plants masked with the garlic.

After weeding carrots etc spray the foliage. Also spray when you see wild carrot, and ground nut in flower in the hedge rows.

For cabbage white butterfly prevention, spray all the foliage when butterflies are active.

The above mix is also a good prevention for downy and powdery mildews and black spot.

To reduce cat, mice, mole, rabbit damage etc :-

Brew the same mix for a week it will now smell stronger and have higher sulphur content. Do not spray onto foliage. Spray onto soil where activity is seen.

For cats and rabbits soak some cloth in the solution and place on / in their entry places, eg holes in hedges, top of fence etc.

To prevent slugs and snails

Use dry garlic chips around the plants and edges of beds for best results. The swollen garlic chips from the brew can also be used, but keep away from foliage.

The above are not approved pesticide methods, but are cultural methods of prevention. Take care when using, do not use stronger mixtures as it will damage plants, keep off flowers to prevent scorch, and allow bee activity.

Garlic tea acts as a plant tonic/stimulant only