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# Beginner lessons for Pest Control

Master Pest Control for Thriving Organic Gardens!

## DEFINITION

> Pest control in organic gardening involves managing harmful insects naturally without synthetic chemicals. It focuses on prevention and using safe methods to protect plants.

## KEY CONCEPTS

### Companion Planting

Planting certain plants together can deter pests and promote healthy growth.

### Natural Predators

Encouraging beneficial insects like ladybugs can help control pest populations naturally.

### Homemade Sprays

Using mixtures like soap and water can effectively manage pests without chemicals.

### Crop Rotation

Changing the location of plants each season can prevent pest buildup in the soil.

### Physical Barriers

Using nets or row covers can physically block pests from reaching your plants.

## EXAMPLES

→ Plant marigolds with tomatoes to repel nematodes.

→ Use neem oil spray to combat aphids.

→ Rotate your crops yearly to reduce pest infestations.

## MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'CPN' for Companion Planting, Natural Predators, and Neem oil.

★ Think of 'Rotate to Relocate' for crop rotation.

★ Visualize a net over your plants to recall physical barriers.

## COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Relying solely on chemical pesticides instead of natural methods.

✗ Neglecting to monitor plants regularly for early pest signs.

✗ Failing to research companion plants before planting.

## QUICK RECAP

Effective pest control in organic gardening relies on natural methods and prevention strategies. Key techniques include companion planting, using natural predators, and implementing physical barriers. Regular monitoring and crop rotation are essential for maintaining a healthy garden.