



BRINGING TROPICAL PLANTS AND HOUSEPLANTS IN FOR THE WINTER

When the nighttime temperatures begin to fall below 50 degrees it's time to move them indoors. This might seem early but lower temperatures will stress your plants and that can make them susceptible to insect damage. When you carry your plants indoors for winter it's wise to take the steps to avoid also bringing in damaging insects.

Here are the best steps for preventing & eliminating insects:

1. Blast the plants with water (Not too hard of a blast to damage foliage).
This will knock down many pests. Wait for them to dry.

2. Spray the plants with an insect killer. We can show you several options.
The spray will kill living adult insects.

3. Now the adults are dead but they may have laid eggs for future generations. This is why we recommend using Bonide Systemic Insecticide. This is a powder that you add to the soil of the pot. Dosage is based on the size of the container. After adding the systemic into the soil, water thoroughly. The systemic lasts for 2 months so be sure to reapply because insect infestations can continue through winter.

4. Repotting can also help if you suspect insects have taken harbor in the bottom of the pot through the drainage hole.