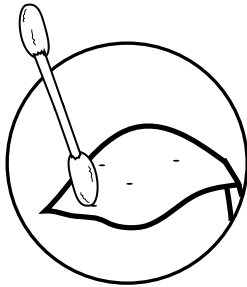


**Penn State Pointers ► Treating Houseplant Pests**

**Check all outside houseplants for insects and other pests before you bring plants inside.**



■ **Small infestations:**

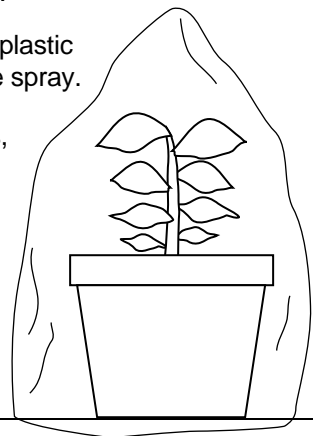
1. You may be able to wipe pests off with a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol.
2. Or you may rinse pests and eggs off under a steady, gentle stream of water.

■ **Severe or persistent infestations:**

- Treat with an insecticidal soap spray or a multipurpose insecticide.
- Follow the label directions **exactly**.
- After spraying, keep the plant in a plastic bag to contain and concentrate the spray.
- Isolate the plant for about 2 weeks, or until it is definitely pest-free.

■ **Repot the plant.**

Insects and eggs may be present, but unseen in the soil.



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