



## Garden Advisory Powdery Mildew Suspected

I was advised of a white fungus appearing on some squash plants in the garden. Upon inspection, it appears to be powdery mildew.

From my research, humidity might be one of the reasons we are seeing this fungus.

A few tips:

- Do not water from overhead or in the evening. Give plants time to dry in the sun.
- Ensure there is adequate air circulation – trim back if/where you can.
- Consider removing and destroying all infected parts of plants. Also, early detection and control is key.

There are several natural control options. **Please remember this is an organic, pesticide free garden. Please do not use harsh chemical sprays or pesticides.**

- 1) Cow's milk may slow the spread of the fungus. 1 part milk to 9 parts water.
- 2) Baking soda raises the pH thus making an undesirable habitat. 1 teaspoon to 1 quart of water.

For more information and other remedies visit:

<http://www.growingformarket.com/articles/powdery-mildew-solutions>

<http://www.organicgardening.com/learn-and-grow/powdery-mildew>

<http://organicgardening.about.com/od/diseases/qt/bakingsodaspray.htm>

Don't forget to reapply after each rain. When using baking soda – try to spray on overcast days not to burn your leaves.