SESSION III MISC.TOPICS



BENEFICIAL INSECTS

- Can look pretty scary!
- Only about 5% of insects cause damage to our plants.
- Beneficial Insects live among their food source
- If you kill a beneficial insect than you take over its job
 - Pollination
 - Eat pests in the garden



OBVIOUS EXAMPLES OF BENEFICIAL INSECTS



• Bees

- Butterflies
- Dragonflys
- Ladybugs





SPIDERS

- Trap Mosquitos
- Trap Roaches
- Trap Flies





ASSASSIN BUGS

- Inject Venom into their prey
 - Tomato hornworms
 - Squash bugs
 - Aphids



PRAYING MANTIS

• Eats dozens of plant-eating pests





USE THESE INTRGRATED PEST SOLUTIONS!

The purpose of IPM is to control pests and damaging insects while encouraging the beneficial insects to stay in our gardens for a more productive and healthier garden.



ANY QUESTIONS??

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THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY!

"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul." — Alfred Austin

