

Insect Screens for your Garden



Insect screens not only keep out the insects, but also prevent birds from eating young spinach, lettuce, etc. leaves as they initially emerge from the ground.

Here are a few tips:

- 1. Use insect screens for plants that **do not** flower (plants that flower need pollination from the bees).*
- 2. Insect screens can be bought for about \$15 which gets you a screen sized at 8'x20'. You can also use homemade screens from netting you may have on hand. Just make sure both rain and sun get through.*
- 3. You will need to secure the screens so the wind doesn't blow it away. You can use stakes or even secure with bricks or stones around the edges. Make sure it is strong, but remember you will need to remove them every time you want to weed, so don't make it permanent!!*
- 4. You will need some kind of flexible hoop or support so that the screen is lifted off the ground. See the picture. This garden used flexible plastic strips leftover from installing a Pergo flooring!*

