



How to Make Soapy Water Garden Spray

Soapy water garden spray is the most basic and simple organic garden spray that you can make at home. It often serves as a base to other garden sprays, or it can be used on its own. Soapy water can be enough to kill some pest insects when sprayed directly on them.

Ingredients

- 16g / 1/2oz pure soap powder
- 2 liters (0.5 US gal) /67 fl.oz water

Steps

- 1 Purchase soap powder.** Check that it is pure and does not contain chemical additives.
- 2 Mix the soap powder and water together.**
- 3 Transfer the mixture to a spray bottle.**
- 4 Use immediately.** There is no point storing this spray mixture - discard unwanted mixture down the drain.

Tips

- It works best for ridding plants of caterpillars, aphids, mealy bug and scale.
- This is a contact pest controlling spray. As such, for it to work it must make contact with the pest insects. The spray works by suffocating the insects by making a film coating around their bodies.
- It is also possible to use liquid soap to make this solution. Mix 1 - 2 tablespoons liquid soap and 950ml / 1 quart water.^[1]

Things You'll Need

- Mixing container
- Spray bottle

Sources and Citations

1. Annie B Bond, [Best Ever Garlic Spray for Garden Pests](#)

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