

### Potato Beetle/ Colorado Potato beetle

The potato beetle has been seen on some eggplants and they can be found on tomato and pepper plants, or any member of the nightshade family. We ban potatoes from our community gardens to try to reduce the risk of these beetles finding our veggies. Females lay clusters of bright yellow-orange eggs on the underside of leaves. Please watch your plants carefully, check the underside of all the plant leaves and remove any leaf or part of leaf that have egg clusters. Pick off any beetles you see, squish them or take them home and throw them away - don't compost them, and don't compost the eggs. You will be protecting your plants from damage and your neighbours. Straw or mulch around your plants will confuse any adults that hatch in the spring - they can't find the plants. It is probably too late to benefit from this strategy, but remember this for next year.



### Squash Plant Beetles

We have found eggs like the picture below on some winter squash and summer squash plants. We have not seen any bugs yet. Like cucumber beetles, these bugs may damage any member of this plant family if they can't find their preferred plant. I can assure you that if the eggs hatch, finding your squash plant covered with bugs is a very nasty experience. Please check the underside of the leaves and remove any leaf or part leaf with eggs and take home to throw away, do not compost. If you find bugs, please remove and squish the bug, or take home to throw away. I have found a whole leaf covered with bugs and just removed the leaf, folded it up and disposed of it. They don't seem to move very fast.

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