

PROTECTION OF ORNAMENTAL PLANTS:

Ornamental plants can be damaged by a variety of insects.

General:

There are various small insects that can infest and damage our beloved plants. Most come from the louse, mite and thrip families, which are classed as sucking pests.

With regular care from a horticultural specialist, these generally do not represent a particular danger for ornamental plants, as they are detected early enough and can often be combatted with simple means.

The pests mentioned above, including their waste products, do not cause any allergies or illnesses in people. Infestation just causes damage to plants. However, if it goes unnoticed, it can result in the destruction of individual plants and whole plant arrangements.

Infested plants make for a sad sight. And it is even sadder when the reasons are only investigated when it's too late.

Legal issues:

In Germany the use of pesticides is strictly regulated by law. For use indoors, strict criteria are set for their application. Biological agents are one alternative. Nevertheless, depending on the preparation, their application may be reserved for specialists.

We therefore strongly advise you to hire a specialist. Ask for proof that they are authorised to handle pesticides. Unlike specialist retailers, skilled ornamental plant horticulturists automatically possess a certificate of competence in plant protection with their training and qualification in horticulture.

Prevention:

Preventative measures can be taken even when selecting plants. A plant that is selected for an appropriate location will grow healthily and offer pests little to target. Often plants with pest infestations have already been weakened and struggled on for years before eventually being infested, giving the pests an easy job.

There are easy-to-use plant conditioners that prevent pest infestations. These include care products with essential oils and leaf shine products, which are completely safe to spray on plants as a dilute emulsion.

Control:

The small amounts of ready-to-use products with different modes of application that are intended for private use are sometimes expensive. As a consequence, targeted pest control by a specialist often represents the more cost-effective solution.

So do not hesitate to hire the services of a professional horticulturist, as it is sure to be the better solution anyway.

If you have any questions about this, please contact us at: www.hydro-klein@email.de