Keep Your Plants Healthy: Use IPM

**Benefits of IPM:**
- Safeguard the environment from excessive pesticides
- Protect water supplies
- Promote natural enemies
- Improve crop pollination by protecting bees

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** is for all gardeners.

- **Learn**
  - Learn about the plants you grow and the pests that affect them.

- **Inspect**
  - Examine plant health regularly. Look for both pests and good bugs.

- **Prevent**
  - Discourage pests by growing a diverse garden and keeping plants and soil healthy. Apply compost and mulch to build soil organic matter and retain moisture.

- **Manage**
  - Use a variety of treatment tactics, such as pruning diseased tree limbs. Apply pesticides (organic or conventional) as the last resort.

- **Assess**
  - Success in IPM builds on the wisdom of the past: garden notes and pictures are great evaluation tools.

**Enhance produce safety and quality** • **Minimize costs** • **Prevent insect resistance to pesticides** • **Create a successful, sustainable, and beautiful landscape and garden**