INDEPENDENCE FROM CHEMICALS

• Learn to identify good & bad bugs. Many beneficial insects visit yards and should be left alone. Beneficial bugs feed on common pests. Find a strategy to foster healthy, balanced garden ecology.
• Purchase a garden insect guide
• Control pests with natural oils like neem and garlic. Only use neem oil when necessary, it is a natural broad spectrum insecticide that kills beneficial insects too.
• Sharp mower blades = Happy grass blades. By mid-summer mower blades have dulled, this causes stress to the lawn.

DID YOU KNOW? Adding organic matter to the soil, like compost or compost tea, relieves stress and feeds beneficial soil microbes. University studies have shown that a healthy microbe population will out compete most of the pathogens that cause fungal diseases in the lawn.