

Hello Pinehurst Neighbors!

After talking with many folks, it appears that our great little 'hood is being infested by Japanese Beetles. If you don't know about these guys yet, take a look at this [info sheet](#), then go take a look in your yard for the chewed up leaves and blooms. Left unchecked, these guys will decimate our gardens and trees along with the lawns. The worst thing about these pests is that because of their life cycle, if we don't work together as a group, we won't solve this problem. They will continue to breed, lay their eggs in our lawns and then start the whole cycle again next spring and summer.

Due to the fact that these beetles are all over Denver, hanging those Beetle traps is **NOT** recommended. This will only ATTRACT all the beetles from all over.

What can you do? Insecticide sprays are not very useful because you would have to spray daily and most likely harm beneficial insects like bees. There are a few options, although they are not very successful in isolation.

You can go out in the morning and evening when they are less active and pick them off your plants into a bucket of soapy water and then bag up the guys and throw away.

You can also use a Systemic product (generally not an organic choice) with the ingredient Imidacloprid in either granular or liquid form. The plant will drink up the poison and when the beetle bites the plant he will ingest the poison and die.

Products like these :(Home Depot prices)

Grubx 15lbs \$24, 5,000 sqft, apply with broadcast spreader,
once a year, every year in June

Spectracide Triazicide 10lbs \$8, 12,000 sqft, apply with broadcast spreader,
once a year, every year in June

The organic suggestion from many neighbors is using a turf grub killer such as Milky Spore from St. Gabriel's. This product is an organic powder or granular option that is applied directly to the lawn and will be ingested by the grubs, which then die, thus preventing adult beetles in the spring. This product goes on a dry lawn, then needs to be watered in for at least 15 minutes and is safe for kids, pets and chickens to use the lawn after being watered in. The granular choice can be done using a manual or pushable drop spreader, should be applied in the spring and fall for 2 consecutive years and then lasts for up to 10 years. The powder choice is a one-time application but 1 teaspoon needs to be applied to the whole lawn at 3-4 foot intervals. The St Gabriels Milky Spore products can be shipped from [Ace](#), [Walmart](#), [Home Depot](#), [Lowe's](#), or [Amazon](#).

In order for this to work on a grand scale and really make a difference, the more homes that apply this product to kill the grubs, the better for all of us in future years.

