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Control

- When purchasing plants inspect carefully to be sure plants are not infested.
 - Eliminate weeds in and around gardens that harbor whiteflies.
- Begin insecticidal soap or chemical applications as soon as infestations are noticed (read the label FIRST).

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Additional Resources

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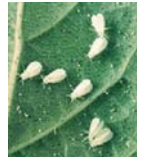
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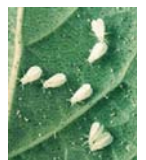
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