

WATER EARLY TO AVERT MILDEW

Water in the cool of the day. The best time to water your garden is morning, but if you water in the afternoon allow enough time for foliage to dry out before sunset. This reduces the risk of mildew and other fungi attacking leaves, and there's less chance you'll get caught by the evening shift of mosquitos and sandflies.

Mildew frequently attacks roses, pumpkin, melon, zucchini and cucumber. Spray plants weekly with a solution made of one part cow's milk to 10 parts water. Repeat after heavy rain or irrigation. This remedy won't reverse mildew damage, but it is an effective preventative.

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