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Cockroaches

Today on Gardening in a Minute: cockroaches.

It's no secret that cockroaches are common household pests in Florida, but did you know that they can also cause problems with potted plants like orchids?

These pesky insects sometimes climb through drainage holes or into plant saucers in search of food, water, and shelter.

They may feed on the plant's roots, leaves, or flowers, causing varying degrees of damage.

Excess moisture can attract cockroaches, so avoid overwatering your plants.

If any of your plants spend summers outdoors and winters indoors, sequester them in the garage first and try luring the roaches with a commercial or homemade bait.

And if you're planning to repot your outdoor plants, brace yourself for any cockroaches that may be lurking in the bottom of the pots!

For more information about cockroaches and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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