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We have a large rose garden and it is becoming overgrow by mint. There are two different kinds. Is there any way to control the spread of the mint other than by pulling it out which is not too successful?

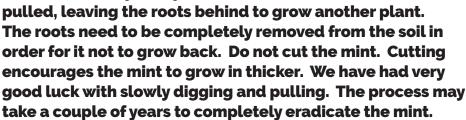
You have helped me in the past and I always enjoy and learn from your weekly columns. Thanks you for your articles... Richard

## Hi Richard,

Mint needs to be dug up to loosen the roots in the soil before pulling out the plant. Just pulling the stems doesn't work because the stems break very easily when

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If you want mint in your garden, plant a portion of it within a plant pot (as big as you like) with the lip of the pot about 2" above ground to keep the mint from escaping and getting into the garden. Good Luck.

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