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Gardeners in the Hales Trail Community Garden are picking a plethora of summer vegetables

Normally a gentle person, Mary Boyle attacked squash bugs with a vengeance Friday, squishing them with her gloved hand or slicing them in half with scissors.

The bugs were attacking her summer squash.

“The bigger ones look so alien when you squish them — an iridescent blue-green awfulness. They’re revolting bugs,” Boyle said. “We weren’t expecting to be dealing with this death and destruction.”

While she was attacking bugs, her husband Brendan was shoring up his pole bean teepees, which had become lean-tos in Friday’s rain and strong winds. He arrived at 3 p.m. planning to spend an hour in the two garden plots the family has at the Hales Trail Community Garden in Port Washington.

“I called my wife in a panic to come help,” he said.

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