



Caterpillar Killer

Beneficial Nematodes

Application periods



- Please read inside of pack for detailed application information
- Use nematodes on receipt or fridge store (do not freeze)
 - Do not fridge store longer than use by date
- Caterpillar Killer is safe for children, pets and wildlife



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- Natural control of Caterpillars
 - Applied with water
- Contains 25 million nematodes
 - Treats up to 35sqm



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Caterpillar Killer provides a biological control solution for caterpillars using entomopathogenic nematodes (*Steinernema carpocapsae*). Nematodes are living organisms that can be used to control insect pests including Caterpillars. Some species of butterflies and moths lay eggs on plants that develop into plant eating caterpillars like those of the large Cabbage white butterfly. These caterpillars feed on cabbages, cauliflowers and other brassica plants making holes in the leaves and often leaving their excrement on the plants.

Caterpillar Killer nematodes provide a safe, natural solution for control of caterpillars. The nematodes enter the caterpillars via a natural opening like the mouth and feed on the contents of the caterpillar. A natural bacterium is produced by the nematodes inside the caterpillar, which kills it. The nematodes also reproduce inside the caterpillar, releasing more nematodes into the surrounding area. It is important to get the nematodes into contact with the caterpillars, so ensure when spraying the nematodes onto the plants that the caterpillars are covered in the spray solution. Once the caterpillars are killed, the nematodes die back. Caterpillar Killer nematodes have no negative effects on plants, humans, birds, fish or mammals, so are safe to use on edible plants and crops with no harvest interval.

Preparation prior to application



- Apply when caterpillars present on plants.
- Try to time application when caterpillars are small.
- Apply on dull or wet days, avoid application on bright days, as nematodes are U.V sensitive.
- Humidity and moisture aids nematode activity on surface areas.



- Apply early or late in the day when humidity levels at highest.
- Avoid frosty conditions.
- Clean spraying equipment and do not apply with insecticides.
- Apply second application 7 days after first treatment.

Application



- Open nematode sachet and empty entire contents into a bucket of 2.5 litres of water to create nematode concentrate solution.
- Stir thoroughly to break up and dissolve carrier material.
- Remove any filters in sprayers to prevent nematodes getting caught in filter.
- Add nematode concentrate solution to sprayer and add 5.5 litres of water to make 8 litres and stir.



- Spray nematode solution directly onto visible caterpillars.
- One nematode sachet will treat an area of plants up to 35 square metres.
- Use all the contents of the pack once opened and do not store made up concentrate solution.



Post application

- Check for any new caterpillars and repeat treatment if required.