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# **Cutworm Killer**

#### Beneficial Nematodes

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Cutworm Killer nematodes provide a safe, natural solution for control of Cutworms. Nematodes enter the Cutworm via a natural opening like the mouth and feed on the contents of the larva/caterpillar. A natural bacterium is produced by the nematodes inside the Cutworm, which kills it. The nematodes also reproduce inside the Cutworm, releasing more nematodes into the surrounding area. Once the Cutworms are killed, the nematodes die back to natural levels in the soil. There is no harvest interval with Cutworm Killer as nematodes have no negative effects on plants, humans, birds, fish or mammals.

Cutworm Killer can be applied with watering cans, Hose end sprayer nematode applicators or sprayers. If using hose end applicators, read the manufacturer instructors and if applying with sprayers, take out any filters prior to use.

#### Preparation prior to application

- For best results apply Cutworm Killer nematodes when Cutworm damage is observed, or larvae are seen in the soil. The optimum period being between April-October.
- Soil should be moist at application and water treated areas after application.
- Apply on dull or wet days, avoid application on bright days, as nematodes are U.V sensitive.
- Soil temperature should be 10.c plus for nematode activity.
- Avoid applying in cold, frosty conditions.

#### **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.
- Add 0.5 litre of nematode concentrate solution to an 8 litre watering can and fill with water.
- Using a coarse rose apply contents to an area of 10 square metres.
- One pack will make 5 watering cans to treat an area up to 50 square metres.
- Use all the contents of the pack once opened and do not store made up concentrate solution.
- Nematodes can also be applied with some hose end feeder /nematode applicators and sprayers.

#### Post application

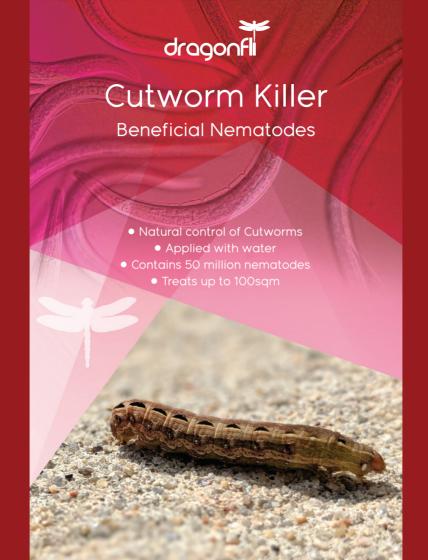
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# <u>Cutworm Killer Nematodes 500 & 1000sqm -</u> <u>Application Instructions (Watering Can)</u>

## Please use immediately upon receipt

## **Required Conditions:**

- Soil temperature must be above 10°C
- Do not apply the nematodes in bright sunshine as nematodes are U.V sensitive
- Ensure soil is moist before applying nematodes

## **Application:**

## 500sqm Pack:

- Split pack into two equal halves
- Add one half of the nematodes to 12.5L of water to create working concentrate
- Stir thoroughly to break up any lumps
- Add 0.5L of the concentrate to an 8L watering can and fill with clean water
- Using a course rose apply to 10 square metres of soil
- This half pack will fill 25 watering cans to treat a total area of 250 square metres
- Make sure to stir the bucket before taking out each 0.5L concentrate
- Repeat this process for the remaining half of the pack

## 1000sqm Pack:

• Follow the above instructions, repeating the process four times to apply both halves of your two nematode packs

## Storage:

- If you cannot apply immediately, store in the fridge (4°C) and use as soon as possible
- Do not freeze the nematodes

## **Next Steps:**

- Water area treated after use and keep moist for a week after application
- Repeat application, if required, every four weeks until no more Cutworms are present