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Encarsia formosa For Whitefly Control - Application Instructions

Please use immediately upon receipt

Required conditions:

- Temperature range: 17°C
- Do not apply *Encarsia formosa* if insecticides have been used in the past 1-2 weeks

Before application:

- Take down any sticky traps before releasing the *Encarsia*
- Open package within the area you wish to release the *Encarsia*.
- Refrain from touching the black dots on the cards, these are the *Encarsia* eggs

Application:

- Use immediately and do not store
- Do not apply the cards in direct sunlight
- Break strips into individual cards & hang approx. 75cm below plant head (if possible)
- The minuscule *Encarsia* wasps will gradually emerge from the eggs on the cards
- The *Encarsia* lay eggs inside Whitefly larva, which turns the pupa black in colour, killing the Whitefly. The colour transition takes 2 weeks (temperature dependant)
- The cards can be taken down after 7 days (The *Encarsia* will have hatched by then)
- Do not use any insecticides once the parasites have been released

Next Steps:

- Consider opting for an *Encarsia* programme where you will receive 5 or 10 *Encarsia* cards each week for a selected duration of time. You can find these programmes on our website
- Repeat applications of *Encarsia* will ensure best results
- In the summer months consider supplementing your *Encarsia* applications with ***Amblyseius swirskii* sachets**. These predators will also consume Whitefly eggs