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## Hoverfly Larvae (*Episyrphus balteatus*) - Application Instructions

**Please use immediately upon receipt**

### **Required conditions:**

- Temperature: must be between 5-30°C. Optimum temperatures are 15-23°C
- High humidity is favourable for larval development and hatching of pupae
- Insecticides: Do not apply if insecticides have been used in the past 1-2 weeks

### **Before application:**

- Do not open the box until you are at the release point

### **Application:**

- Carefully open the perforated lid of the cardboard box
- Hang the open box vertically on plants, preferably close to flowers
- Leave the container in place for at least 17 day before removing
- Keep out of direct sunlight and protect from rainfall
- Do not use any insecticides once the Hoverfly larvae have been applied
- Repeat applications will see best results

### **Next Steps:**

- Look out for the skins of aphids on the leaves and stems of plants. This shows that the hoverfly larvae have been active
- Consider also applying Aphiscout parasitic wasps in conjunction with Hoverfly larvae to combat severe infestations