



<u>Cryptolaemus montrouzieri Predator Larvae For Mealybug Control -</u> <u>Application Instructions</u>

Please use immediately upon receipt

Required conditions:

- Temperatures must be over 18°C for the larvae to be active
- Do not apply Mealybug Predator Larvae if insecticides have been used in the past 1–2 weeks

Before application:

- Ensure to introduce *Cryptolaemus* larvae when Mealybugs are present on plants
- The larvae do look rather similar to the Mealybugs, so do not be alarmed by this

Application:

- Brush the larvae very gently onto the plant, next to the Mealybug mass
- Consider pouring contents into Dragonfli Distribution Boxes to release the predators (distribution boxes are ideal for large plants, or plants with small leaves and difficult to reach areas)
- Do not overhead water the plants shortly after the introduction of the larvae
- Repeat applications may be required if treating larger Mealybug infestations

Next Steps:

- Observe pest levels over the next 7-10 days and consider applying more Mealybug Predator Larvae if numbers of Mealybugs are still high
- Reproduction of larvae will only take place during long days (May September)

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