

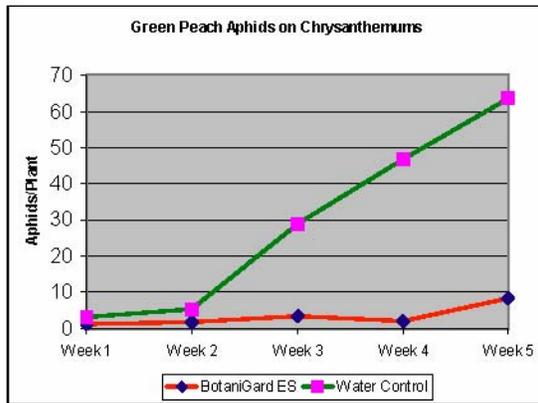


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# Aphid Management (Canada)

Programmed Protection™ with BotaniGard® Mycoinsecticide is an effective way to control green peach and melon aphids in greenhouse ornamental and vegetable production. This IPM-based program involves monitoring, early treatment, good spray coverage and good housekeeping practices.



Monitoring pest populations is critical in any reduced risk pest control strategy. Begin spraying BotaniGard as soon as aphids or other problem insects are noticed. The key is to get your insect control program started early before insect populations build. Early treatment will keep your insecticide program costs low and avoid the need for harsh chemical rescue treatments.

Visually inspect flowers and leaves for aphids. Spraying should begin at the first sign of aphids. Aphid populations can build rapidly. Immatures grow rapidly,

molting (shedding their skin) in 12 to 16 hours. A second spray should be made three days after the first spray, to contact those aphids which may have shed their skin prior to becoming infected. Sprays should continue on a 5-7 day schedule.

If the population is building rapidly or there is a migration of insects into the greenhouse, you may need to use a chemical insecticide in addition to BotaniGard to gain control of the population dynamics.

Application	Rate BotaniGard ES	Rate BotaniGard 22WP	Interval
1 <sup>st</sup> application	1 L/400 Litres	500 g/400 Litres	first aphid
2 <sup>nd</sup> application	0.5 L/400 Litres	250 g/400 Litres	3 days
Subsequent app.	0.5-1 L/100 Litres	250 – 500 g/400 Litres	5-7 days

Thorough spray coverage is critical to pest control. BotaniGard performs like a contact insecticide. The aphids need to be hit by the spray or come in contact with BotaniGard on the sprayed plant surface. Sprays should be directed to the portions of the plant with aphids, (i.e. typically the buds, the upper surface of the upper leaves and the undersides of the lower leaves.)

*NOTE: Use caution when making BotaniGard applications to open blooms, especially on varieties known to be sensitive. It is recommended that a small group of plants be tested for effects on open blooms before making applications to the whole crop. Always read and follow label directions.*

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