



Mums and Spring/Fall Pansies: Disease & Insect Management

When planning your next crop of mums or pansies, give your plants a healthy start and keep them clean throughout production with the BioWorks family of products. BioWorks products can also help you deal with the high summer temperature stress experienced by fall pansies. (See chart for timing and rates.)

Root Disease Control

RootShield® (0-hr REI, OMRI Listed, VeriFlora Approved)

- Provides long-term root protection for all stages of growth
- Grows on the roots “shielding” them against root damaging fungi such as *Fusarium*, *Pythium*, *Rhizoctonia*, *Cylindrocladium* and *Thielaviopsis*
- Active ingredient: Unique beneficial fungus *Trichoderma harzianum*, strain T-22 that “eats” pathogens
- Cost effective: Reduces or eliminates chemical root fungicide applications
- Grows on the roots within a pH range of 4–8 at soil temperatures of 48° to 97°F
- Granular formulation for media incorporation or wettable powder for drenching

Foliar Disease Control

CEASE® (4-hr REI, 0-day PHI, OMRI Listed)

- Prevents both fungal and bacterial disease
- Controls *Botrytis*, powdery mildew, *Erwinia* and *Xanthomonas*
- Leaves no unsightly residues
- Active ingredients: *Bacillus subtilis* (strain QST 713)
- Safe for beneficial insects and bees

MilStop® (1-hr REI, 0-day PHI, OMRI Listed)

- Kills powdery mildew on contact and prevents other disease
- Leaves no residues; dries quick, clean
- Active ingredient: Potassium Bicarbonate
- Cost effective, pre-formulated with surfactants
- Can be used in rotation with most chemical pesticides or as a stand-alone fungicide
- Compatible with many beneficial insects



Insect & Mite Control

BotaniGard® (4-hr REI, Organic formulation available)

- Controls whiteflies, thrips, aphids, etc.
- Mycoinsecticide with unique mode of action from *Beauveria bassiana* strain GHA
- Spores work by direct contact with insect
- Compatible with IPM programs and beneficial insects
- Ideal resistance management tool

SuffOil-X® (4-hr REI, OMRI Listed)

- Suffocates and kills eggs, larvae, nymphs and soft bodied insects, mites
- Unique pre-emulsified formulation stays in suspension better than other oils
- Smaller oil particles provide uniform coverage with less chance of phytotoxicity

Molt-X® (4-hr REI)

- Protects against both foliar and soil-borne pests
- No phytotoxicity on most plants
- Excellent for tank mixing or rotating with BotaniGard and SuffOil-X
- Multiple modes of action
- Generally safe on beneficial insects and bees

NemaShield® for Fungus Gnat Larval Control

- Especially useful in greenhouse propagation and transplant production
- Easy to use dispersible formulation; apply with a sprayer or through an injector
- Active ingredient: *Steinernema feltiae* insect parasitic nematode
- No REI; No human toxicity; exempt from EPA labeling requirements
- Compatible with many pesticides, including insecticides



Disease & Insect Management Program: Mums/Pansies

Product and Application		Rates
Root Disease Prevention Use on Stock Plants, in Propagation/ Cuttings/Seeds & when Finishing Crops	RootShield® WP, RootShield® Granules – OMRI Listed Controls: <i>Rhizoctonia, Pythium, Fusarium, Thielaviopsis</i> and more	
	Sow seed or plant clean, disease-free plants into media containing RootShield Granules, OR	1.25 lb/cu yd
	Drench immediately after seeding/planting with RootShield WP*	4 oz/100 gal
	Re-apply RootShield WP* again in 10-12 weeks at 1/2 the rate.	2 oz/100 gal
	* <i>RootShield WP can be applied at any stage of the crop to prevent disease.</i>	
Product and Application		Rates
Foliar Disease Prevention Use on Stock Plants, in Propagation/ Cuttings/Seeds & when Finishing Crops	CEASE® – OMRI-Listed Controls: <i>Botrytis, powdery mildew, Erwinia, Pseudomonas, Xanthomonas</i> and more	4 qts./100 gal. every 5-7 days
	Spray as a preventative for <i>Botrytis</i> , powdery mildew and bacterial diseases.	
	MilStop® – OMRI-Listed Controls: Powdery mildew, <i>Botrytis</i> and other diseases of vegetable crops	1.25 lb to 2.5 lb/ 100 gal. every 7-10 days
	When conditions are right for powdery mildew or <i>Botrytis</i> , apply MilStop as a preventative.	
	If plants become infected with powdery mildew, use MilStop at the curative rate (note precautions on label). When control is achieved, switch to the preventative rates shown above.	3 lbs/100 gal. every 7-10 days
Product and Application		Rates
Insect Control Use on Stock Plants, in Propagation/ Cuttings/Seeds & when Finishing Crops	NemaShield® Controls: Fungus gnat larvae and Thrips (WFT) pupae and pre-pupae	One 100 million packet/ 3,400 sq.ft.
	Apply NemaShield for insect control within the first week after seeding or transplant, or immediately after seeing adults flying.	
	Re-application rates and intervals	
	For light or heavy infestations. Re-apply in 14 to 21 day intervals at the light infestation rate. For heavy infestations on highly susceptible crops or newly propagated cuttings, follow the rate recommended above and re-apply at the light infestation rate when necessary after 5 to 6 weeks.	One 100 million packet/ 1,100-2,200 sq. ft.
	BotaniGard® ES and 22WP (Mycotrol® O – organic formulation)** Controls: whiteflies, aphids, thrips, etc.	
	At first sign of insects (egg hatch or small larval instars) apply BotaniGard ES or WP at 3 to 10 day intervals. If pest pressure is high, combine initial applications with a contact insecticide or IGR and follow with another BotaniGard spray in 3 to 5 days and make at least 2 applications at this interval. Continue with applications, including recommended tank mixes, at the longer interval indicated above. Can be tank mixed or alternated with Molt-X.	Whiteflies, Aphids, Mealybugs: ½ to 1 qt (lb)/ 100 gal.
		Thrips: 1 to 2 qt (lb)/ 100 gal.
		Other labeled insects: ½ to 2 qt (lb)/ 100 gal.
SuffOil-X®** – OMRI-Listed Controls: mites, whiteflies, aphids, etc.		
Follow all precautions and recommendations for applying horticultural oils.	1 to 2 gal/100 gal.	
Molt-X®** – OMRI-Listed Controls both foliar and soil borne pests		
Combine or rotate with BotaniGard for an effective control strategy. Maintain pH of diluted mixture at between pH 5.5 - 6.5.	8 to 10 oz/100 gal.	

**Use caution when making 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.

Refer to product labels for complete application details. Additional technical information is available on our website (bioworksinc.com) or from your BioWorks technical sales representative. Always read and follow label directions.