

# Nematodes

Answers to questions commonly asked by gardeners

The natural and effective way to control slugs without harm to children, pets, birds and other wild

## Nemasys Vine Weevil Killer

### ***What is Nemasys?***

Nemasys is a natural product containing microscopic worms (nematodes) which seek out and kill vine weevil larvae.

### ***Why use Nemasys?***

Nemasys is an effective alternative to chemicals and is harmless to children, pets, birds and wildlife.

### ***When can I apply Nemasys?***

Nemasys should be applied when the soil temperature is at a minimum of 5°C and the vine weevil larvae are present. Outdoors, this is usually during March-May or August-November. Indoors, vine weevil can be controlled year round. Always remember that Nemasys kills vine weevil larvae and not the adult beetle.

### ***Are there any special conditions required?***

Nemasys should be applied to moist soil. If applying in hot weather it is better to wait till later in the day when the soil won't dry out so quickly and the nematodes will have a chance to migrate underground during the night.

### ***How often do I need to apply Nemasys?***

Vine weevils are widely distributed across the United Kingdom living in gardens and hedgerows. Therefore, it is difficult to completely eradicate the pest since adults may re-invade from outside your garden. If you have, what you think is a serious infestation, you should consider treating twice a year Spring (May) and Autumn (September). If you are less concerned and just want to keep a minor problem at bay then one Autumn treatment should be adequate.

### ***Where should I apply Nemasys?***

Anywhere, indoors or outside, on to soil or compost that contains the larvae. It is now considered that total eradication is not practicable since vine weevils are established throughout the countryside. It is therefore best to work out the area that you need to treat, to protect those plants that you do not want to lose. Primula, fuchsias, begonias, most evergreen plants and all plants in pots are particularly at risk.

### ***How do I apply Nemasys?***

Simply as a drench. All you need is a bucket, a stirrer, an ordinary garden watering can and water. The standard pack takes approximately 20 minutes to apply.

### ***How long can I keep Nemasys?***

Nemasys will keep up to the expiry date, clearly marked on each sealed pack, when kept refrigerated. However, it is always best to use this living product as soon as possible after receipt.

### ***Can I use the pack a bit at a time?***

Since the nematodes are not evenly distributed in the pack, you must use the whole pack in one application.

### ***Can I store Nemasys once it is mixed with water?***

No, always apply product immediately after mixing.