

DEALER INFORMATION

LADYBUGS

Always keep the ladybugs out of direct sunlight and as cool as possible. They may even be refrigerated down to 35 degrees F. (they hibernate at 35-40 degrees).

The ladybugs should be watered once a day (unless refrigerated) along with your plants. Two or three shots of a fine mist, depending on temperature, is about right. You want to moisten the wood shavings but not allow puddles at the bottom of the cups.

Tell gardeners to: 1) water their garden before releasing the bugs; 2) release the ladybugs after sundown since ladybugs do not fly at night (if released during the day they will immediately fly away); 3) shake them out of the box in groups at the base of the plants that have aphids (ladybugs always crawl up).

PRAYING MANTIDS

Keep the boxes of egg cases out of direct sunlight. They will hatch in about 3 – 8 weeks from the time you receive them, possibly sooner if it is very warm.

Tell gardeners to: 1) place the egg cases in or near plants that have pest problems; 2) hang the egg cases according to the directions if there are birds or squirrels in the area; 3) if they wish to observe the mantids hatch, place them in a bowl or terrarium and keep in a warm area – then release immediately on hatching since they will begin to attack each other.

OTHER ORCON PRODUCTS AVAILABLE.

Green Lacewings
Predatory Mites
Praying Mantids
Earth Worms
Earthworm Castings
Fly Parasites
Beneficial Nematodes
Cryptolaemus

Flea Destroyer
Delphastus Pusillus
Trichogramma
Encarsia Formosa
Decollate Snails
Aphytis Melinus
Lady Bugs

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