# **INSECT GROWTH REGULATOR**

#### FOR ORGANIC GARDENING

Kills or repels various insect pests on ornamentals, trees, lawns, shrubs, flowers, and vegetables in the yard and garden, and in and around interiorscapes and homes.

MEEN disrupts the molting ability of immature insects of many types, inhibits feeding, and acts to disrupt the reproductive capacity of many insect adults.

Active Ingredient:

Azadirachtin	0.09%
Other Ingredients	<u>99.91%</u>
Total	100.0%

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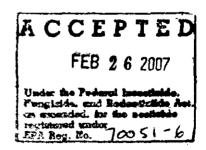
## Keep Out of Reach of Children

## CAUTION

See Side/Back Panel for Additional Precautionary Statements and First Aid

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# PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals

Caution: Harmful if swallowed. Harmful if absorbed through skin. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Causes moderate eye irritation. Harmful if inhaled. Avoid breathing spray mist. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, or using tobacco. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

#### **FIRST AID**

If swallowed: Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

If on skin or clothing: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

If in eyes: Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

If inhaled: Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. Hot Line Number: 1-800-255-3924.

#### **Environmental Hazards:**

This product is hazardous to fish and aquatic invertebrates.

For terrestrial uses: Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters or rinsate.

#### Physical or Chemical Hazards:

Flammable. Keep away from heat and open flame.

## **Directions for Use**

It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

#### General

- Botanical Insecticide Concentrate
- Insecticide, Repellent, Insect Growth Regulator
- All-Purpose Insect Control
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- Broad Spectrum Insecticide
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- Insect Anti-Feedant
- Multi-Purpose Insecticide
- Kills and/or repels insects/Japanese beetles.
- Kills larval stages of insects.
- For Indoor and Outdoor Use
- Formulated for Interiorscape use.

#### General Information

MEEN's effectiveness is based on several modes of action. It disrupts insects' delicate hormonal balance so they die before they molt to the next life stage. MEEN suppresses some insects' desire to feed and also repels many insects in areas that have been sprayed. These different modes of action result in broad spectrum control of the majority of insects that harm your yard and garden.

[MEEN's effectiveness is based on three modes of action:

- 1. Anti-feedant: MEEN suppresses the insect's desire to feed and, therefore, no damage is caused.
- 2. Repellent: Insects simply stay away from areas sprayed with MEEN and, therefore, no damage is caused.
- 3. Insect Growth Regulator: MEEN disrupts the insect's delicate hormonal balance so it dies before it molts to the next life stage.]

MEEN kills or repels a broad spectrum of insect pests. MEEN spares many beneficial insects such as honey bees and lady bugs that prey on undesirable insects. Without beneficial insects to control pest populations, plants are even more vulnerable to new infestations.

Neem-based products have been tested and used as effective insecticides in commercial greenhouses. The Neem seed has been the subject of extensive testing throughout the

world [since after WWII]. Neem has been tested at major universities throughout the U.S. since 1982.

The active ingredient in MEEN is an extract from the seeds of the neem tree, a renewable resource. Parts of the neem tree have been used over the centuries for highly effective insecticidal and medicinal purposes. The neem tree is native to India, Africa, and several other tropical countries. Over the years, people have stored their food grains, in the home, free from pest infestation by adding whole or chopped neem seeds. The trees are also planted in backyards and common areas in order to repel insects.

Shake well before using.

Use spray solutions within 8 hours of mixing for maximum effectiveness. Do not store diluted spray solution for later use.

Not for use in food handling areas.

Since MEEN interferes with insect growth function, it is most effective when applied 2-3 times at 7-10 day intervals.

Application directly onto the target pest will increase efficacy. Time applications for early to mid-morning or in the late afternoon.

Do not add other chemicals to MEEN solutions.

Do not apply to wilted, stressed, or newly transplanted materials prior to root development. Do not apply to known sensitive plant species without prior testing.

## **Known Sensitive Plants**

Do not apply MEEN to the following plant species due to potential plant damage:

Hibiscus flowers

## The Following Section Contains Directions For Concentrate Products Use

## (1) Foliar Application (Bedding & Potted Plants)

For use on bedding plants, potted and foliage plants, ornamentals, trees and shrubs, in and around homes to control the immature or larval forms of the following insect pests:

## **PESTS**

Leafhoppers
Leafminers
Whiteflies
Thrips
Mealybugs
Loopers
Caterpillars
Aphids
Fruitflies
Beet armyworms
Mexican Bean Beetles

#### **USE DIRECTIONS**

Dilute MEEN to a concentration of 3 fl. Oz. (6 tablespoons) of MEEN per gallon of water (1 part MEEN to 40 parts water). Mix thoroughly. Apply with a hand sprayer as a fine spray to leaf surfaces to run-off. Be sure to coat undersides of leaves as this is where many insects hide. Avoid excessive application

## (2) Foliar Application (Trees & Shrubs)

For use on trees and shrubs on residential landscapes to control the immature larval stages of the following insect pests:

#### **PESTS**

Leafhoppers
Leafminers
Gypsy moths
Weevils
Psyllids
Webworms
Hornworms
Spruce budworms
Pine sawflies
Elm leaf beetle
Bagworms
Tent Caterpillars
Grasshoppers

#### **USE DIRECTIONS**

Dilute MEEN to a concentration of 3 fl. Oz. (6 tablespoons) of MEEN per gallon of water (1 part MEEN to 40 parts water). Mix thoroughly. Apply with a hand sprayer as a fine spray to leaf surfaces to run-off. Be sure to coat undersides of leaves as this is where many insects hide. Avoid excessive application.

## (3) Lawn Application

For home lawns to control the following insect pests:

#### **PESTS**

Mole crickets
White grubs
Sod webworms
Fall armyworms
Chinch bugs
Hyperodes weevils
Billbugs
Crane flies

## **USE DIRECTIONS**

Dilute 2 fl. Oz. (4 tablespoons) of MEEN in 1 gallon of water. Apply at the rate of 5 gallons spray solution per 2000 square feet. Apply MEEN 2-3 times on a 7-10 day interval to insure effective control of surface and sub-surface feeding pests. Do not apply MEEN to newly seeded lawns. Best timing for initial white grub application will vary by region but is generally early to mid summer and again in the fall. If in doubt, contact your local university research or extension specialist for the periods when white grubs are feeding in your area.

## (4) Yard and Landscape MEEN Concentrate

For use around the home to control the following insects:

## **PESTS**

**Aphids** 

Caterpillars

Gypsy moth larvae

Immature tent beetles

Webworms

Bagworms

Lace bugs

Box elder bugs

Leafhoppers

**Psyllids** 

Sawfly larvae

Wooly aphids

#### **USE DIRECTIONS**

Always use freshly mixed spray solution. Use soft water whenever possible. Use with caution on new tender foliage, and do not apply to plants in direct sunlight. When insects are first noticed, apply a mixture of 3 fl. Oz. (6 tablespoons) of MEEN per gallon of water (1 part

MEEN to 40 parts water). Repeat applications 2-3 times on a 7-day interval. When

infestations are heavy, apply on a 3-4 day interval until populations are reduced

## (5) House Plant Application

For use on house plants to kill or repel the following insect pests:

#### **PESTS**

Leafhoppers Leafminers Whiteflies Thrips Mealybugs Loopers Caterpillars **Aphids** Fruitflies Beet armyworms Mexican bean beetles

Fungus gnats

#### **USE DIRECTIONS**

Dilute MEEN to a concentration of 0.42 fl. Oz. (2 1/2 teaspoons) of MEEN per pint of water. Mix thoroughly. Adjust spray bottle nozzle to spray setting and apply MEEN to leaf surfaces until completely wet. Be sure to coat undersides of leaves especially those at the soil surface as this is where many insects hide. Avoid excessive application.

## (6) Vegetable and Fruit Crop Application

For use on vegetable and fruit crops to kill or repel the following insect pests:

#### PESTS

Armyworms

Diamondback moths

Hornworms

Imported cabbageworms

Loopers Melonworms Pickleworms

Tomato fruitworms Corn earworms Bollworms

**Budworms** Whiteflies **Thrips** 

**Borers Aphids** Squash bugs

Tent caterpillars

## USE DIRECTIONS

Always use freshly mixed spray solution. Use soft water whenever possible. Use with caution on new tender foliage. When insects are first noticed, apply a mixture of 3 fl. Oz. (6 tablespoons) of MEEN per gallon of water (1 part MEEN to 40 parts water). Repeat applications 2-3 times on a 7-day interval. When infestations are heavy, apply on a 3-4 day interval until populations are reduced.

Mexican bean beetles

Pinworms

Colorado potato beetles European com borers

Cucumber beetles

Leafminers Vine borers Cutworms Weevils

Bean leaf beetles

Leafrollers

Grape leaf skeletonizers

Twig girdlers Codling moths

<u>CROPS</u>

Broccoli
Turnips
Cabbage
Tomatoes
Melons
Kale
Mustard

Peppers Lentils Squash Lettuce Beans Corn

Potatoes

Peanuts

Asparagus Garlic Parsley Radishes

Rutabaga Anise Mint Dill Rosemary

Thyme Almonds

Sweet bay

Pecans
Pistachios
Apples
Pumpkins

Peaches Plums Figs Lemons

Cauliflower Celery Kohlrabi Carrots Spinach

Turnip greens
Brussels sprouts
Sweet potatoes
Cucumbers
Collards
Beets
Peas
Eggplants
Ginger
Artichokes
Onions

Basil
Chives
Marjoram
Sage
Tarragon
Wintergreen
Cashews

**Turnips** 

Bok choy

Collard greens

Mustard greens

Macadamia nuts

Walnuts Cherries Cantaloupes Pears

Apricots Oranges Limes

# The Following Section Contains Directions for Use of the product in a Hose-End Applicator

## HOSE END APPLICATOR INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Remove plastic wrap from carton and detach hose-end attachment.
- 2. Screw the longer end of the hose-end attachment onto hose.
- 3. Set valve switch to off position (at right angle to line of water flow).
- 4. Remove child resistant cap from product bottle and screw bottle top onto hose-end attachment until tight.
- 5. Turn faucet on. Begin spraying by turning the valve switch located on top of the attachment clockwise until fully in line with water flow.
- 6. When spraying is complete, turn valve switch counter clockwise to stop product flow.
- 7. Turn off faucet.
- 8. Unscrew product bottle from hose-end attachment, recap bottle and if empty dispose of according to label directions. Unscrew hose-end attachment from hose.
- (7) Foliar Application (Bedding and Potted Plants): For use on bedding plants, potted and foliage plants, ornamentals in and around homes to control the immature or larval forms of the following insect pests:

#### PESTS

Leafhoppers
Leafminers
Whiteflies
Thrips
Mealybugs
Loopers
Caterpillars
Beet armyworms
Aphids

## **USE DIRECTIONS**

The 16 oz. hose end applicator for bedding and potted plants will treat approximately 650 square feet of plant material 3 times. Repeat application 2 to 3 times at an interval of 7-10 days. Apply to leaf surfaces to run-off. Be sure to coat undersides of leaves as this is where many insects hide. Avoid excessive application. Do not apply to known sensitive plants without a prior small scale test application.

## (8) Foliar Application (Trees and Shrubs)

For use on trees and shrubs on home landscapes to control the immature larval stages of the following insect pests:

## PESTS

Leafminers Leafhoppers Gypsy moths Weevils **Psyllids** Webworms Hornworms Spruce budworms Pine sawflies

Elm leaf beetle

## Grasshoppers

## **USE DIRECTIONS**

The 16 oz. hose end applicator for trees and shrubs will treat up to 5 ten foot trees. Repeat application 2 to 3 times at an interval of 7-10 days. Apply to leaf surfaces to run-off. Be sure to coat undersides of leaves as this is where many insects hide. Avoid excessive application.

(9) Lawn Application: For use on home lawns to control the immature larval stages of the following insect pests:

#### **PESTS**

Mole crickets White grubs Sod webworms Fall armyworms Chinch bugs Hyperodes weevil

Billbugs

## **USE DIRECTIONS**

feeding pests.

The 16 oz. hose-end applicator for lawns will treat approximately 1,000-2,000 square feet. [The 32 oz. hose-end applicator for lawns will treat approximately 2,000-4,000 square feet.] Apply MEEN 2-3 times on a 7-10 day interval to insure effective control of surface and sub-surface

## 10) Hose-end Sprayer Refill (a)

- 1. Remove child resistant cap from product bottle and screw bottle top onto hose-end attachment until tight.
- 2. Turn faucet on. Begin spraying by turning the valve switch located on top of the attachment clockwise until fully in line with water flow.
- 3. When spraying is complete, turn valve switch counter clockwise to stop product flow.
- 4. Turn off faucet.
- 5. Unscrew product bottle from hose-end attachment, recap bottle and if empty dispose of according to label directions. Unscrew hose-end attachment from hose.
  - (a) Will also contain appropriate application directions as per the foregoing.

## The Following Section Contains Directions For Use Of The Product As A Repellent

## Repellency Against Japanese Beetles and Other Pests:

MEEN repels a variety of pests including armyworms, aphids, and Japanese Beetles. Dilute MEEN to a concentration of 3 fl. Oz. (6 tablespoons) of MEEN per gallon of water (1 part MEEN to 40 parts water). Mix thoroughly. Apply to plants with a hand sprayer, being sure to completely cover foliage and flowers. Apply just before pests emerge or at first sign of infestation. Repeat applications every 3-7 days or immediately after significant rainfall.

## Storage and Disposal

Pesticide Storage: Keep in original container. Store in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight, feed or foodstuffs. Keep container tightly sealed when not in use. Do not store below 50°F (10°C) or above 95°F (35°C).

Pesticide and Container Disposal:

If empty: Do not reuse this container. Place in trash or offer for recycling if available. If partly filled: Call your local solid waste agency or 1-800-CLEANUP for disposal instructions. Never place unused product down any indoor or outdoor drain.

#### WARRANTY

Certis USA, L.L.C. warrants that the material contained herein conforms to the description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes referred to in the directions for use. Timing and method of application, weather, watering practices, nature of soil, the insect problem, condition of the crop, incompatibility with other chemicals not specifically recommended, and other influencing factors in the use of this product are beyond the control of the seller. Buyer assumes all risks of use, storage or handling of this material not in strict accordance with directions given herein. NO OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF THE FITNESS OR MERCHANTABILITY IS MADE.

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