

How to use BT for Caterpillar and Worm Control

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Mixing:

1. Shake the BT container thoroughly.
2. Cedar plots: Using the syringe measure 1 ml of BT and mix in 8 ounces of water into a spray bottle.
3. Log plots: For every four foot length of your plot, using the syringe measure 0.25 ml of BT and add it to 2 ounces of water.
4. Throw away all unused BT / Water mixture within 24 hours. If you are planning on spraying two days in a row, you may want to double the amount and use half the first day and half the second day.

Application:

1. Spray directly onto plant leaves making sure to get in the center of the plant and all the leaves.
2. Even though the spray doesn't seem to be sticking to the leaves it is working.
3. Continuously shake the bottle while you are spraying.
4. If it rains within 24 hours of application you will have to reapply the BT/water mixture.

Frequency:

A. First sign of plant damage (a few holes in leaves and caterpillars or worms on the plants hard to find) - Apply a second round every 5 to 7 days while the caterpillars are still active (you NEW holes in your leaves). This usually takes only three weeks of spraying.

B. Infestation (lots of visible holes in leaves and easy to find caterpillars or worms on the plants) - Apply the BT / Water mixture for three consecutive treatments consisting of spraying for three days in a row and no spray for four days.

Toxicity to humans:

According to the label: Acceptable for use on edible plants up to the day of harvest

NOTE: If you cannot find the syringe, please go to your local pharmacist and ask for a 1 milliliter syringe.