

Fungicides for Home Gardeners

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The RHS believes that avoiding diseases or reducing their impact by good practice in cultivation methods, cultivar selection and garden hygiene is the best approach to managing these problems.

The RHS recommends that you don't use fungicides. Fungicides (including organic types) may reduce biodiversity, impact soil health and have wider adverse environmental effects.

Introduction

The information provided here lists those fungicides that are legally available to buy in the UK and are widely sold. This is to help gardeners choose the right product in situations where they wish to use a fungicide.

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Some diseases can be controlled by several different fungicides. The effectiveness of some fungicides may depend on the environmental conditions, so gardeners may need to try more than one to find those that give the best control of the diseases which affect their plants. Regular use of certain fungicides may lead to the build-up of strains of fungi which are tolerant to them so that they will cease to be effective. It is important not to make more than the recommended number of applications of a particular active ingredient in any one year.

Products approved in the UK are assigned a registration number, printed on the packaging – MAPP numbers for pesticides for use on plants and HSE numbers for household products. Products with currently listed numbers are approved and considered to meet current safety standards if used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. To check MAPP numbers, see <https://secure.pesticides.gov.uk/garden/prodse arch.asp>

For the most effective and safe use, the following rules should be observed:

1. Use chemicals only when they are really necessary. Prevention is invariably better than cure and many diseases can be kept down by cultivation techniques such as rotation of crops, destruction of crop residues, drainage of heavy soils and good tool hygiene.
2. You must select a chemical which is recommended for the particular purpose you have in mind. It is good practise to check the label before choosing a product.
3. Always read the manufacturers' label and check for any limitations or specific precautions you should take. As an added precaution you could wear rubber gloves, particularly when handling the concentrate or when spraying.
4. Follow all the instructions on the manufacturer's label and apply the chemical at the stated rate and in the manner described. It is a legal requirement to comply with the Statutory Conditions indicated on the label.
5. Make sure that you are spraying at the correct times and intervals, as this is often crucial for the control of a disease.
6. It is illegal to mix two chemicals together to give a combined spray unless this is recommended on the label or leaflet.
Note: where a proprietary product contains an insecticide as well as a fungicide it would be preferable to use an alternative product if invertebrates have not been a problem on the plants treated.
7. Avoid contact with exposed parts of the body, particularly the eyes. Wash off any splashes immediately with clean water.

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8. Avoid breathing in dusts or sprays. Wash after using sprays or dusts.
9. Make sure no children or animals are in the vicinity when spraying.
10. Do not smoke, eat or drink while spraying.
11. Spray efficiently to wet the plants without excessive run-off or drift, but thoroughly wet the stems, buds and the underside as well as the upper surface of the leaves.
12. Do not spray or dust in windy, completely calm or hot sunny weather. Spray in the early morning or late afternoon or evening.
13. Do not spray plants which may be injured by the chemical or allow spray to drift on to them. Because of the large numbers of species and cultivars of ornamental plants grown in gardens, sensitivity to products should always be checked on a small area or number of plants in the first instance.
14. Clean all equipment after spraying. DO NOT apply fungicides with apparatus that has been used for weed killers.
15. Always try to make up only sufficient solution for the task. Left-over spray must not be poured down the drain.
16. Store chemicals in a cool, dry, frost-free, safe place away from children and pets, keeping them tightly closed and in their original containers.

Choosing fungicides available to home gardeners

The following list has been drawn up to aid RHS members in choosing fungicides. Most of the fungicides available to home gardeners are ideal garden chemicals in that they are cheap, effective and safe to use when applied as directed on the label. However, always take note of any usage limitations given for the fungicides in this list. Trained staff are present by law in larger retail outlets who can give good advice on what products to buy, how to use them and alternative methods of control.

Proprietary products sold for the control of plant diseases are listed under the common chemical names of their active ingredients. All manufacturers are obliged by law to print the name of the active ingredient on the label, but this may appear in very small print.

Please note that inclusion does not indicate a recommendation by the RHS for the uses specified on the product. It must also be emphasised that the RHS is not liable in any way for any consequences which may ensue from the use of fungicides by home gardeners.

Some fungicide products listed in this leaflet under their manufacturers' names may be available from retail outlets as "own brand" products with the retailers' own labelling. It is not practical to list all of these. Check the label of the crop protection product carefully to confirm the active ingredient.

Products available to home gardeners

Disinfectants

Please note: these products are not labelled for pesticide use, but are available for the disinfection of greenhouse structures, seed trays and pots.

Active Ingredient	Proprietary Name	Manufacturer/Source of Supply	Formulation
Para-chloro-meta-cresol	Jeyes Fluid	Jeyes UK	ready-to-use + liquid concentrate
Oils	Spot On Outdoor Fluid	Sipcam Home & Garden	liquid concentrate
Citrus extract with glycerine	Citrox	Agralan Ltd	ready-to-use spray + liquid concentrate
Isopropanol alcohol	Propellar	Evans Chemicals	ready-to-use spray

Protective seals on pruning wounds

Used to form a protective seal, with no curative action, on trees and shrubs after pruning or wounding. The RHS no longer recommend binding, wrapping or painting pruning cuts as standard practice; the best thing is to let them heal naturally. There are a few specific cases, such as when apple canker is causing persistent problems, where the use of a wound paint may be necessary.

Active Ingredient	Proprietary Name	Manufacturer/Source of Supply	Formulation
Natural resin	Growing Success Prune and Seal	Westland Horticulture Ltd	ready-to-use liquid
Natural resin	Provanto Arbrex Seal and Heal	SBM Life Science Ltd	ready-to-use
Natural resin	Medo	Vitax Ltd	ready-to-use

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Sulphur-based fungicides



Protectant fungicide for use against diseases of ornamentals. Mildew Clear For Edibles is registered for fungal diseases on grapevines, vegetables and fruit as well as for ornamentals. RoseClear 3 in 1 also contains fatty acid for aphid control.

Active Ingredient	Proprietary Name	Manufacturer/Source of Supply	Formulation
Sulphur	Mildew Clear for Edibles	Neudorff U.K.	water dispersible granule (WG)
Sulphur	Fungus Clear Ultra 2	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Fatty acid + Sulphur	RoseClear 3 in 1 Action	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Sulphur	Fungus Clear Ultima 2	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	liquid concentrate

Compounds with a physical mode of action, or which act by stimulating the plant's immune response

These products fall outside the scope of the pesticide regulations and may not include full details of ingredients on the label. Mostly labelled for use against powdery mildews but see product labels for specific details. Please be aware that many of these products will also have activity against invertebrates.

Proprietary Name	Manufacturer/Source of Supply	Formulation
Doff Bug & Fungus Control	Doff Portland Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Doff 2 in 1 Rose Shield Bug & Fungus Control	Doff Portland Ltd	ready-to-use spray
FungusClear Plant Shield Spray	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	ready-to-use spray
RoseClear Plant Shield Spray	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	ready-to-use spray
RoseClear Ultra Shield	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	liquid concentrate
SB Plant Invigorator	Stan Brouard Ltd	ready-to-use spray + liquid concentrate
Ecofective Rose Defender	Sipcam Home & Garden	ready-to-use spray + liquid concentrate
Ecofective Plant Disease Defence	Sipcam Home & Garden	ready-to-use spray + liquid concentrate
Ecofective Disease Stoppa	Sipcam Home & Garden	ready-to-use spray
Ecofective Bug Stoppa	Sipcam Home & Garden	ready-to-use spray
Vitax Plant Guard Organic	Vitax Ltd	ready-to-use spray + liquid concentrate
Vitax Organic Rose Guard RTU	Vitax Ltd	ready-to-use spray

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Westland Rose Guard	Westland Horticulture Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Westland Fungus Guard	Westland Horticulture Ltd	ready-to-use spray

Synthetic systemic fungicides

Tebuconazole + trifloxystrobin

Tebuconazole and trifloxystrobin are systemic fungicides from different chemical groups. They are sold as a preformulated mixture for use on roses and other ornamental plants. Fungus Fighter Plus can also be used on glasshouse crops of cucumber, courgette and summer squash.

Active Ingredient	'Target' Organism	Proprietary Name	Manufacturer/Source of Supply	Formulation
Tebuconazole & Trifloxystrobin	Blackspot, mildew, rust & leaf spot	Provanto Fungus Fighter Plus	SBM Life Science Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Tebuconazole & Trifloxystrobin	Blackspot, mildew & rust	Toprose Fungus Control & Protect	SBM Life Science Ltd	ready-to-use spray

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Manufacturers/Distributors

Company Name	Address	Telephone	Website
Bayer	See SBM Life Science Ltd		
Doff Portland Ltd	Aerial Way, Watnall Road, Hucknall, Nottingham NG15 6DW	(0115) 983 4300	www.doff.co.uk
Sipcam Home & Garden	4C Archway House, Melbourn Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7BX	(01763) 212103	www.ecofective.uk.com www.sipcamhg.co.uk
Jeyes Groups Ltd	Tennyson House, Brunel Way, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 1HF	(01842) 757575	www.jeyesfluid.co.uk
Neudorff UK	DLF Seeds Ltd, Thorn Farm, Evensham Road, Inkberrow, Worcestershire WR7 4LJ	(01386) 791113	www.neudorff.co.uk
SBM Life Science Ltd	Hyperion House, Ground Floor, Fordham Road, New Market. CB8 7XN	(0330) 3303563	www.seezon.co.uk
Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	1 Archipelago, Lyon Way, Frimley, Surrey, GU16 7ER	(01276) 401300	www.lovethegarden.com
Stan Brouard Ltd	PO Box 383, Landes du Marche, Vale, Guernsey GY1 3FE	(01481) 252521	www.sbproducts.co.uk
Vitax Ltd	Owen Street, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 3DE	(01530) 510060	www.vitax.co.uk
Westland Horticulture Ltd	Alconbury Hill, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE28 4HY	(01480) 443 789	www.gardenhealth.com
Agralan Ltd	The Old Brickyard, Wiltshire, SN6 6QR	(01285) 860015	www.agralan.co.uk
Evans Chemicals Ltd	18B Barncoose Industrial Estate Pool, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3RQ	(01209) 213643	

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