



Yates Product of the Month

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Guardall

Yates Product of the Month for May 2008 **Guardall** is a combined insecticide/miticide/fungicide that controls a wide range of pests and diseases on tomatoes, cabbages, stonefruit and ornamental plants like roses.

Guardall's a great clean-up spray for the garden. Inexperienced gardeners, particularly, often find it difficult and daunting to identify garden problems but, because of Guardall's wide spectrum of application, a specific diagnosis of the problem isn't always absolutely necessary.

Guardall controls sapsucking pests like aphids, thrips, mites and whitefly, leaf chewers such as cabbage white butterfly grubs, and fruit munchers like tomato fruitworm. At the same time this clever product also helps protect plants from common fungal diseases such as black spot, powdery mildew, botrytis, downy mildew and brown rot.

Guardall is a combination of two different fungicides and a low toxic synthetic pyrethroid insecticide. It comes in a 200 mL concentrate bottle with its own convenient measuring cylinder clipped on the side. A check of the dilution recommendations on the label shows how economical Guardall is: most problems can be treated with a solution of 10 mL of concentrate liquid mixed in one litre of water. Application information for specific problems, and information about withholding period for fruit and vegies is also found on the label.

Affected plants should be sprayed with Guardall at 7- 14 day intervals until there are no further signs of pest or disease activity. Fortunately, once the spray has dried, Guardall is unlikely to be hazardous for bees that are foraging in the garden.

It's important to remember, too, that healthy plants are less likely to be attacked by pests or diseases so keeping plants well fed, well watered and making sure they're growing in a suitable situation will go a long way towards preventing many garden problems.

