
Fungicides for Home Gardeners

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The RHS believes that avoiding pests, diseases and weeds by good practice in cultivation methods, cultivar selection, garden hygiene and encouraging or introducing natural enemies, should be the first line of control. If chemical controls are used, they should be used only in a minimal and highly targeted manner. For example, where pests, diseases or weeds pose a serious threat to the wider environment, to important heritage specimens, to habitat, or to native wildlife.

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. Inclusion of a product does not indicate a recommendation or endorsement by RHS Gardening Advice.

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.

All garden chemicals on sale in the United Kingdom are safe when used according to the manufacturers' instructions. Every proprietary product has been issued with a DEFRA or MAPP (Ministerially Approved Pesticide Products) number found on the pack.

For the most effective and safe use of fungicides, 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, thorough digging, 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 pests 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.
8. Avoid breathing in dusts or sprays. Wash after using sprays or dusts.

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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 varieties 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 members of the Society 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 in alphabetical order. 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

1. Protective seals on pruning wounds

Used to form a protective seal, with no curative action, on trees and shrubs after pruning or wounding.

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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2. Compounds with a physical mode of action

Products containing a blend of surfactants and nutrients to control some pests and disease by a sticking and washing process. They can be used on all edible and ornamental plants and there is no harvest interval. May be used against powdery mildew and a range of pests including, whitefly, aphid, spider mite, mealy bugs, scale and psyllids.

Active Ingredient	Proprietary Name	Manufacturer/Source of Supply	Formulation
Physical mode	SB Plant Invigorator	Stan Brouard Ltd	liquid concentrate
Physical mode	SB Plant Invigorator	Stan Brouard Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Physical mode	Growing Success Fungus Stop RTU	Westland Horticulture Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Physical mode	Ecofective Rose Defender RTU	Sipcam Home & Garden	ready-to-use spray + liquid concentrate
Physical mode	Ecofective Houseplant Defender	Sipcam Home & Garden	ready-to-use spray + liquid concentrate
Physical mode	Ecofective Bug & Mildew Control	Sipcam Home & Garden	ready-to-use spray + liquid concentrate
Physical mode	RHS Bug & Mildew Control	Sipcam Home & Garden	ready-to-use spray
Physical mode	RHS Bug & Mildew Control Concentrate	Sipcam Home & Garden	liquid concentrate
Physical mode	Vitax Rose Guard RTU	Vitax Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Physical mode	Growing Success Rose Guard	Westland Horticulture Ltd	ready-to-use spray

3. Tar acids and oils

Tar acids and tar oils are derivatives of coal tar. Formulations are available as liquids or pastes for disinfecting tools or surfaces.

Limitations: Should be kept off the skin and away from eyes, food and food containers. Hazardous to fish. Protective gloves, for example neoprene (not natural rubber) and goggles should be worn when handling the concentrated disinfectants.

Active Ingredient	Proprietary Name	Manufacturer/Source of Supply	Formulation
Tar acids and oils	Jeyes Fluid	Jeyes UK	liquid concentrate
Tar acids and oils	Jeyes Fluid	Jeyes UK	ready-to-use spray
Oils	Spot On Outdoor Fluid	Sipcam Home & Garden	Liquid concentrate

Please note: these products are no longer labelled for pesticide use, but are available for the disinfection of greenhouse structures, seed trays and pots.

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4. Tebuconazole

Tebuconazole is a systemic fungicide to control blackspot, box blight (Fungus Fighter Concentrate), powdery mildew and rust on roses and other ornamental plants. Tebuconazole and Trifloxystrobin (also a systemic fungicide) are combined in 'Fungus Fighter Plus' to control diseases on roses and other ornamental plants including blackspot, powdery mildew, rust and leaf spots, box blight and white rust. Fungus Fighter Plus also controls powdery mildew on glasshouse crops of cucumber, courgette and summer squash.

Active Ingredient	Proprietary Name	Manufacturer/Source of Supply	Formulation
Tebuconazole	Provanto Fungus Fighter Concentrate	SBM Life Science Ltd	liquid concentrate
Tebuconazole and Trifloxystrobin	Provanto Fungus Fighter Plus	SBM Life Science Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Tebuconazole and Trifloxystrobin	Toprose Fungus Control & Protect	SBM Life Science Ltd	ready-to-use spray

5. Triticonazole

Systemic fungicide to control blackspot, powdery mildew and rust on roses and ornamental plants.

Active Ingredient	Proprietary Name	Manufacturer/Source of Supply	Formulation
Triticonazole	Fungus Clear Ultra	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	liquid concentrate
Triticonazole and acetamiprid*	Roseclear Ultra	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	liquid concentrate
Triticonazole and acetamiprid*	Roseclear Ultra Gun	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	ready-to-use spray

* with acetamiprid to control insect pests.

6. Sulphur

Protectant fungicide for use on 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	Fungus Clear Ultra 2	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	ready-to-use spray
Sulphur	Mildew Clear for Edibles	Neudorff U.K.	Water dispersible granule (WG)
Fatty acid + Sulphur	RoseClear 3 in 1 Action	Evergreen Garden Care (UK) Ltd	Ready-to-use spray

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Manufacturers/Distributors

Company Name	Address	Telephone	Website
<i>Bayer</i>	<i>See SBM Life Science Ltd</i>		
Doff Portland Ltd	Aerial Way, Watnall Road, Hucknall, Nottingham NG15 6DW	(0115) 963 2842	www.doff.co.uk
Sipcam Home & Garden	4 Archway House, Melbourn Street, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 7BX	(01763) 212103	www.ecofective.uk.com
Jeyes Groups Ltd	Tennyson House, Brunel Way, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 1HF	(01842) 757575	www.jeyesfluid.co.uk
Neudorff UK	DFL Seeds Ltd, Thorn Farm, Evensham Road, Inkberrow, Worcestershire WR7 4LJ	(0121) 7671821	www.neudorff.co.uk
SBM Life Science Ltd	Hyperion House, Ground Floor, Fordham Road, New Market CB8 7XN	(0330) 3303563	www.protect-garden.co.uk & www.solabiol.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

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