

BUXUS BLIGHT FIGHTER

SYSTEMIC FUNGICIDE

This product has recently been developed to control and prevent buxus blight, dieback, canker, downy mildew, phytophthora and pythium root rots in lawns, hedges, shrubs and ornamentals.

The active ingredient in **Buxus Blight Fighter** is phosphorous acid, that has ionized compounds called phosphonates.

The benefit of the **Grosafe® Buxus Blight Fighter** is that it is already in the phosphonate (active) state as a liquid so will be more readily absorbed by the plant which gives it superior systemic activity on the buxus plant, which gives far better protection.



HOW TO USE BUXUS BLIGHT FIGHTER

Box hedging and topiary has become extremely popular. You can clip it tightly for years and years and it retains a neat, perfect formality that can be made to look modern or classic. But after several wet summers, box blight, *Cylindrocladium buxicola*, seems to have spread aggressively. Our recommendation is to prune out the worst affected wood and commence a spray program with **Grosafe® Buxus Blight Fighter**.

CONTROL MEASURES

Preferably do not let any other plant grow within 25cm of the hedge – to encourage good air movement. For best control good coverage is required, so opening up the hedge structure will help the spray penetrate the canopy and attack the box blight. For the first year prune out affected wood and foliage and commence a spray program using **Buxus Blight Fighter + BioPower® Seaweed Flake** and **Organic Root-Gro®**. Commence applications when the hedge starts to grow in spring and continue through the growing season, applying a minimum of one spray every three weeks. We recommend to apply **BioPower® Seaweed Flake** and **Organic Root-Gro®** which will help to invigorate the box plants and assists their recovery. Once you have a healthy plant, carry on treating for Buxus Blight on a regular spray program as needed.

For added protection, we recommend 2-3 extra sprays of a **Free Flo Copper + EnSpray 99®** mix, 7 days after the first **Buxus Blight Fighter** treatment. This will treat insect and fungal infestations (ie thrips, scale and powdery mildew).
Mix order: 1. **Free Flo Copper** - 2. **EnSpray 99®**



Mixing: Grosafe® recommends the following mixing order and procedure.

1. Read all Directions For Use and recommended rate.
2. Fill a bucket with the required amount of water.
3. Add the **Buxus Blight Fighter** and stir.
4. Add the **BioPower® Seaweed Flake** and **Organic Root-Gro®** next then stir.
5. Top with the required volume of water if necessary.

NB. Gardeners can mix the products directly in their knapsack sprayer in the same sequence as recommended above if this is more convenient.

PLANTS	PROBLEM	APPLICATION RATE & DIRECTIONS FOR USE
Buxus, Roses and Ornamentals	Blight and dieback, phytophthora and pythium root rots	6ml per litre of water. Spray every 30 days during growing season (Sept - March). Ensure complete foliar coverage to point of run off.
Roses	Downy mildew	6ml per litre of water. Spray at signs of disease every 30 days during spring (Sept - Nov).
Buxus, Roses, other Ornamentals	Transplant Stress	Gently soak the soil around the roots with 6ml per litre of water then plant. Recommended to combine with BioPower Seaweed Flake and Organic Root-Gro for increased benefit during transplant.



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