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## SERENADE® Garden and Lawn Disease Control Frequently Asked Questions

### General Questions:

**Q. I'm looking at the bottle, but I can't find the directions!**

A. If you look at the back label of the product, you will notice small type that says "Peel back for First Aid, Precautionary Statements, and Directions for Use," located on the lower right-side of the label. Gently pull back the clear top layer of the label from the lower right-hand corner to reveal a booklet that contains directions for use and other handy information.

**Q. How do I store SERENADE® Garden and Lawn Disease Control?**

A. Store at room temperature. Store in a dry area inaccessible to children. Store in original container only. Keep container closed when not in use.

**Q. What is the active ingredient of SERENADE Garden and Lawn Disease Control?**

A. SERENADE Garden is made from a unique, patented strain (QST 713) of *Bacillus subtilis*. Farmers have used this biological pesticide for years to treat diseases in food crops. *Bacillus subtilis* penetrates and destroys the disease spores, but does not harm beneficial insects or wildlife. This ingredient is also registered by the EPA, meets USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) standards, and is listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) for use in organic gardening.

**Q. Where can SERENADE Garden and Lawn Disease Control be purchased?**

A. SERENADE Garden is available for purchase at many independent garden and nursery stores throughout the United States. It can also be purchased online. Visit our website for exact locations.

**Q. Which plants can SERENADE Garden Disease Control be used on?**

A. Vegetables, fruits and nuts, in addition to annual and perennial bedding plants and flowers, roses, potted flowers, foliage plants, trees and shrubs located in residential greenhouses.

SERENADE Garden can also be used on houseplants. It is best to take them outdoors, spray them and then return them to the house.

**Q. Where can I find out more about diseases affecting my plants?**

A. University programs devoted to plant diseases, agriculture, and horticulture are the best resources for up-to-date, location-specific information about diseases and weather patterns affecting the plants in your region. Most major universities have extension programs dedicated to horticulture and home gardening in your county, called a County Cooperative Extension. Search online (visit the CSREES/USDA web site) or look in the yellow pages for your nearest Extension office.



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### Safety Questions:

- Q. Do I need to wear protective clothing (e.g. gloves) when using SERENADE Garden?**
- A. Please follow instructions on the product label, which includes standard language required by EPA for all fungicides. *Read all labels carefully as the protective clothing requirements vary from product to product.*
- Q. I thought SERENADE Garden was organic - why does the label have precautionary statements regarding use of the product?**
- A. SERENADE Garden and Lawn Disease Control products are EPA registered and contain the proper statements required for all biopesticides.
- Q. What if I accidentally inhale the product?**
- A. Inhalation of spray mist may cause respiratory tract irritation in some individuals. Avoid standing directly in the spray path and wear the appropriate personal protective gear as stated on the product label.
- Q. But I thought SERENADE Garden was safe for children and pets?**
- A. SERENADE Garden may be used in the garden and on the lawn where your children and pets play, however, like many household products, SERENADE Garden could be harmful if ingested or inhaled. As indicated on all EPA-accepted pesticide labels, the product is to be kept out of reach of children and children should be kept out of treated areas during treatment and until the spray has dried.

Unlike most disease-control products, SERENADE Garden is not made from synthetic chemicals, and does not have restrictions about staying out of the treated area for any extended length of time, or about when handling fruits, flowers, or leaves treated by the product may be handled. With SERENADE Garden, once the sprays have dried, children and pets may enter the treated area and any treated vegetation may be handled.

### Application Questions:

- Q. What plants can SERENADE Garden and Lawn Disease Control be applied on?**
- A. SERENADE Garden Disease Control can be applied on vegetables, fruits and nuts, in addition to annual and perennial bedding plants and flowers, roses, potted flowers, foliage plants, trees and shrubs located in residential greenhouses.

SERENADE Garden Lawn Disease Control can be used on the following lawns, turf, sod and ornamental turf: Bluegrass, Bentgrass, Bermuda grass, Dichondra, Fescue, Poa Annuua, St. Augustine, Ryegrass, Zoysia, mixtures and other grasses or ornamental turf.



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### Application Questions (continued):

**Q. What does “conditions of high disease pressure” mean?**

A. “High disease pressure” means the time of the season when conditions favor the development of disease. This differs for each plant, but generally diseases begin to develop in humid, rainy and warm conditions (spring time) and can continue throughout the growing season.

**Q. When do I use SERENADE Garden and Lawn Disease Control?**

A. For best results, apply product prior to disease development or at the first sign of infection. Repeat every 7 days to protect new foliage. Under conditions of high disease pressure or periods of frequent rainfall, shorten interval (spray more often). Do not water foliage within 4 hours of application.

**Q. On what parts of the plant do I apply the spray?**

A. SERENADE Garden is approved as a foliar spray. Spray leaves, stems and new shoots to provide complete coverage of the entire plant. SERENADE Garden can safely be sprayed on flowers, fruits, and vegetables. You can even harvest the treated flowers and vegetables the same day you apply.

**Q. Do I need to balance the pH level of the water used to mix with SERENADE Garden?**

A. No. SERENADE Garden is formulated to work with regular city water (tap water) and does not need to be pH balanced.

**Q. Is it okay to use chlorinated water with SERENADE Garden?**

A. Yes! It is okay to use SERENADE Garden with chlorinated water (e.g. city tap water).

*Always read and follow label directions. Information here is not a substitute for directions on product.*



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