

## Sequential Spray of Biodynamic Preparations for Weather Extremes

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A sequential spray of all of the biodynamic preparations has been used experimentally worldwide to alleviate conditions that are either too dry or too wet. It is not used to modify weather but rather to bring moisture balance to the local environment. The sequential spray technique was developed and first used by Hugh Courtney in the early summer of 1988, the third year of extreme drought. Courtney recalled that in the *Agriculture Course*, Rudolf Steiner attributed the preparations with the ability to help the plants attract to themselves what was needed. Over the course of three days, Courtney sprayed all of the preparations out in sequence with positive results bringing moisture. The sequence was refined and altered slightly so it could be used for conditions that were too wet and well as too dry.

### **To balance hot, dry and droughty conditions:**

If you want to attract moisture to the area, the first step would be to identify, through the use of a planting calendar, three consecutive “leaf/water” days that are not in a “black out” or unfavorable period. Leaf/water days occur when the moon sits in front of a “water” constellation: Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces. It is also good to consider ascending and descending positions of the moon. A descending position would be favorable to call in moisture. A waxing or full moon is also preferable.

In the evening of the first day, spray Barrel Compost (BC) out over your property (either on one acre or around the periphery and some in the center). In the morning of the second day, at dawn, spray out BD #501 (horn silica) over the same area. In drought conditions it is especially important to spray the horn silica **before** sunrise. In the evening, spray out BD #500 (horn manure). On the morning of the third day, spray out BD #508 Horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*) either as fresh tea or the fermented version that has been stirred for 20 minutes.

Abbreviated sequence- If there are only two favorable leaf/water days in a row, you can do the abbreviated sequence by adding the BC to the BD #500 in the last 20 minutes of stirring time and spraying it out the first evening. The following morning, stir the BD #501 for 40 minutes and then add the equisetum (BD #508) for the last 20 minutes of stirring.

One can also use the pre-potentized versions of either BD #500 or BD #501 and stir for 20 minutes instead of the usual hour.

### **To moderate conditions with too much moisture:**

If there is excessive rainfall and a balance of warmth with less water is desired, select three fire/warmth days in a row, when the moon stands in front of a “fire/fruit” constellation: Aries, Leo or Sagittarius. The preferred position of the moon may be waning, ascending and near perigee (the reverse of when you want to attract moisture). The sequence is the same as for drought conditions except that the spraying of horn silica and the equisetum are reversed. So on the evening of the first day, BC would be sprayed. The following morning at dawn, equisetum would be sprayed and in the evening of that day, horn manure (BD #500) would be sprayed. On the morning of the last day, at sunrise, horn silica (BD #501) is sprayed. If only two fire days are available, the abbreviated sequence may be used by again combining BC and BD #500 the first evening and combining BD #501 and BD #508 the following morning. One could also spray on air/flower days as a second choice.

Times to avoid using the sequential spray- Any of the grayed or blocked out times in the calendar indicating unfavorable, chaotic or transitional times. Eclipses, occultations, and lunar nodes are also not considered favorable. See Malcom Gardner’s review of the data in *Applied Biodynamics*, Issue No. 25.

If the conditions are extreme and locked in, two or three sequential sprays in a row may be needed, one a week or so. Spraying the whole property is desired but if that is impractical or time is limited then the periphery could be sprayed and maybe a couple areas towards the center. It is thought that the sequential spray may be more effective if all of the preparations have been used consistently for several years. And it may help if several people in your bio-region are spraying simultaneously creating a resonating affect over a larger area. In any case it is a good way to get all of the preparations out in a focused and intentional time frame.

With climate change and more extreme weather conditions, and with the increase of destructive forces and chaos in the world, more frequent use of all of the biodynamic preparations is recommended to help balance and heal the Earth.

### **JPI now offers Sequential Spray Kits.**

The kit includes one unit each of BC, BD #500 (horn manure), BD #501 (horn silica) and BD #508 Horsetail, (*Equisetum arvense*) which is enough to cover one acre. It is recommended that you use the versions of BD #500 and BD #501 that require one hour of stirring to have enough time to fully focus your intention in a meditative way on the intended result. Knowing that many times there are time constraints, we also offer the kit with pre-potentized versions of the horn preparations, BD#500 and BD #501 requiring only 20 minutes of stirring

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