

# Release Instructions



## **Aphidoletes aphidimyza**

### Aphid Predatory Midge

- Shipped as ready-to-hatch pupae in vermiculite.
- For outdoor use, release during the evening on the upwind side of the planting so that the prevailing winds will help to disperse the midges throughout the plot.
- For indoor use, open the container and disperse amongst the plants.
- If the midges have started to hatch or arrive hatched, please release them at sundown the same day you receive them.
- If the pupae have not begun to hatch, store them at 65-87°F in a highly humid, shaded location until hatch begins.
- It may take up to 12 days for hatch, but check twice daily.
- You can go ahead and sprinkle the pupae of the hatching tub directly onto the plants only if high humidity can be maintained.
- Do not use this predator with parasitic nematodes.

**Storage:** Do not store the hatched midges in the container for more than 8-9 hours. Store at a very humid 60-65°F. Do not cold store the unhatched pupae for more than 4 days. Store at a moderately humid 40-46°F.