

Release Instructions



Delphastus catalinae Whitefly Exterminator

- When you receive the predators, place them in a cool spot until you are able to release them.
- **DO NOT REFRIGERATE THEM.**
- Release Delphastus in the cool part of the day when the sun is not very bright, ideally after sunset or dawn if it is not possible to put them out at sunset.
- To release the Delphastus, take the cups to the area for release. If it is cool, the Delphastus will not be very active and you may remove the lid of the cup and begin sprinkling them out over the infested area. Be careful that you do not dump them all out on the first shake.
- Concentrate the release in areas known to have higher populations of the Whiteflies, but be sure to spread some in all areas where Whiteflies are present.
- Delphastus adults and larvae feed on the eggs and larvae of the Whiteflies. For this reason it is common to see them on the undersides of leaves even when no adult Whiteflies are present on that leaf.
- If conditions are warm and the Delphastus active, you can rip or cut a small piece out of the lid of the container and use it to help keep them in the cup during the release, assuring a more even distribution. Be sure not to crush any of the predators when you press the lid back on.

Strategic Considerations: Broad spectrum and systemic insecticides are toxic to Delphastus.