

# Release Instructions



## **Hippodamia convergens**

### Ladybugs

- When Ladybugs arrive put the bag or cup in a cool place (refrigerator) until late evening or early morning.
- Do not release the Ladybugs during the heat of the day or while the sun is shining high in the sky.
- Ladybugs should be released when the plants have become partially exfoliated (beginning to bud), which will provide coverage, and some pest insects are present, which will provide food.
- In order to achieve biological control of insects try to maintain a balance of a few pests for food and enough Ladybugs to keep them in check, being careful not to release too many Ladybugs at one time.
- Sprinkle or irrigate the area before releasing the Ladybugs so they will have a drink of water after their journey. Sprinkling the sack with water can also water them.  
**DO NOT PUT WET BAGS INTO REFRIGERATOR!**
- Ladybugs should be released a few at a time twice a week during the season when leaves are young, tender and attractive to pest insects.
- Apply 1 tablespoon on each shrub and a handful on each tree to keep them free from pest damage.
- For heavy infestation, release all the Ladybugs in the bag or cup at one time.

**Storage:** Ladybugs may be stored in your refrigerator for up to two weeks. **DO NOT FREEZE.** After application re-close the container and place in refrigerator until all Ladybugs are used.