



## RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

### **Aphytis melinus**

#### The Golden Chalcid Armored Scale Parasite

- **Outdoors:** Release when temperatures are below 90 degrees F. Do not release in heavy rain. Remove the lid on the container, place in infested plant, insects will fly out on their own. For faster release, remove lid and tap bottom of container.
- **Indoors:** This insect prefers to fly to a sunny window or the brightest place in the structure. They will return to the plants when the light diminishes. To avoid this behavior, shade the window or release at dusk.

**Storage:** Storage more than one day past arrival date is not recommended. If you must, store in a cool, dark place, approximately 60 degrees F. Do not refrigerate, or place insects directly next to cold packs.

**Strategic Considerations:** Best to release *Aphytis melinus* in 1-3 week intervals upon detection of scale until low scale numbers are observed.

