

# The Most Often Asked Questions About Cutless Granular Landscape Growth Regulator

## Q. If you over apply the Cutless Granular, will it damage the plant?

**A.** Over-applications of Cutless Granular can excessively regulate plants, however in most cases the plant will eventually grow out of the excessive regulation with minimal to no long term adverse effects.

## Q. What is the best way to identify the best starting rates?

A. Rates can primarily be divided into 3 basic categories: Low (3 to 7 lbs./M) – Examples include Mexican Petunia, Plumbago, etc. Medium (7 to 12 lbs.) – includes most woody ornamentals 3 to 5 ft. in height (Ligustrum, Jasmine, Viburnum, Euonymus, Duranta, etc). High (15 to 21 lbs./M) – includes most woody ornamentals >5 ft. in height (Ficus, Holly, Ligustrum, etc).

# Q. Will Cutless Granular burn the leaves if applied to wet foliage?

A. No. We have not seen any foliar phytotoxicity with Cutless Granular applied over wet foliage.

# Q. How long does it take to start regulating the growth?

**A.** Cutless Granular will begin to move to the growing points of the plant as soon as the product is watered in and the plant roots can intercept the Cutless Granular in the soil. Once in the plant, regulation will be noticeable in 2 to 6 weeks, depending upon the plant species.

## Q. Does mulch type and depth have an effect on the performance of Cutless Granular?

**A.** Excessive mulch layers can slow the movement of Cutless Granular into the soil. Heavy organic mulch layers have the greatest potential to slow the movement of Cutless Granular into the soil. Remember, it is always good to maximize good soil to Cutless granule contact.

## Q. Do the plants need to be pruned before treatment or pruned after treatment?

**A.** In most species, plants should be pruned or trimmed within one week of a Cutless Granular application and watering in. For extremely aggressive plants, it is best to prune plants 5 - 7 days following an application and watering in of Cutless Granular.

## Q. Can you successfully treat plants that have been severely pruned back?

**A.** Severely pruned plants typically have a large carbohydrate reserve and will aggressively grow. Cutless Granular rates should be increased from typical rates used on such species to regulate excessive growth from severely pruned plants.

## Q. How soon after plants are installed can you apply Cutless Granular?

A. Plants should be well established and vigorously growing prior to applications of Cutless Granular.

# Q. Can you apply Cutless Granular to summer annuals?

**A.** Cutless Granular should not be applied to areas containing summer annual or areas intended to contain summer annuals within the 6 months from application. Although PGRs are often used on summer annuals during production, rates of Cutless Granular for landscape ornamentals are too high for summer annual use.

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## Q. What happens to St. Augustine grass if Cutless Granular gets on it?

**A.** St. Augustine grass will become regulated if significant amounts of Cutless Granular are applied inadvertently. Signs of regulation are darker green leaves, shorter internodes and smaller overall plant size. In most situations, no long-term detrimental effects will occur with mis-applications to St. Augustine grass.

### Q. How many applications should I make per year?

A. Most Cutless Granular applications will regulate the growth of landscape ornamentals 3 to 6 months depending on plant species and environmental factors. Therefore, repeat applications should occur every 3 to 6 months.

### Q. Are some plants easier to regulate than others with Cutless Granular?

A. Yes, see question #2. There are a few select plants that are easily regulated at very low rates. Mexican Petunia, Copper Leaf and Snow on the Mountain for example, can be regulated with a rate of 3.5 - 5 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft.

### Q. Is there a time of the year that is best to start your Cutless Granular application program?

**A.** A Cutless Granular program can be initiated at any time, however it is recommended to begin a program prior to the expected flush of growth during spring months.

### Q. Can I use more Cutless Granular for longer control?

**A.** Labeled rate recommendations should be followed to target specific rates. Increased rates of Cutless Granular will cause more growth regulation for a longer period of time.

#### Q. Are there any shrubs that I cannot put Cutless Granular on?

**A.** Cutless Granular is not recommended on shrubs greater than 10 ft. tall. These plants require rates too high for Cutless Granular to adequately control.

#### Q. Is it ok to apply Cutless Granular over the top of plants?

- **A**. Yes, applications of Cutless Granular can be made over the top of plants. Granules remaining on leaves should fall to the soil following irrigation/rainfall.
- Q. How important is it to apply the Cutless Granular uniformly over the roots and within the area of the drip lines?
- **A.** To insure uniform growth regulation, Cutless Granular should be applied uniformly within the dripline of landscape ornamentals.

#### Q. How long will the Cutless Granular stay active waiting on moisture or irrigation?

**A.** It is best to get Cutless Granular watered in within 48 hours of an application. There are minimal concerns with volatility or photodegradation. Remember, it is always good stewardship to water-in soil active products in a timely manner.

#### Q. How many Cutless Granular applications can you make a year?

**A.** There is no limit to the number of applications, however applications should be planned to not exceed 909 lbs. Cutless Granular/acre

## Q. What are some of the preferred application methods and equipment to apply Cutless Granular?

A. Cutless Granular can be applied with a rotary-type spreader, gravity fed spreader, or air-driven blower.

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