ALTUS[®] insecticide registered for Emergency Use to control spotted lanternfly on outdoor nursery and landscape ornamental plants in Canada

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The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) recently announced the approval of a emergency use registration for ALTUS® insecticide for control of spotted lanternfly on ornamental nursery and landscape ornamentals in Canada. *Note: Spotted Lanternfly has NOT been detected in Canada at this time. This submission was reviewed submitted to, and review by PMRA in the event a pest population is detected.* ALTUS® insecticide is already labeled for management of pests such as aphids, leafhoppers and whiteflies of ornamentals in Canada. This emergency use proposal was submitted to the PRMA by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) with accompanying support by industry and other stakeholders.

The following is provided as an abbreviated, general outline only. Users should be making insect management decisions within a robust integrated insect management program and should consult the complete label before using ALTUS® insecticide.

Crop(s)	Target	Rate	Application	REI
			Information	
Outdoor	Spotted	500 - 750	- Monitor crops and	12 hours
Nursery and	Lanternfly	mL/ha	commence applications	
Landscape			once local thresholds are	
Ornamental			reached.	
Plants;			- Thorough, uniform	
			coverage of the crop is	
including			required for optimum	
flowers,			control.	
foliage			-Use the higher rate for	
plants,			higher pest infestation	
shrubs, trees,			levels.	
and			-Minimum application	
groundcovers			volume is 500 L/ha. Use	
			appropriate spray volume	
			for adequate crop foliage	
			spray coverage. Spray crop	
			to wet not to drip.	
			-Repeat applications may	
			be made if necessary,	
			providing the maximum	
			amount of 2000 mL	
			product/ha per year is not	
			exceeded.	
			-Minimum interval	
			between applications: 7	
			days • Maximum ALTUS	

	Insecticide allowed per year: 2000 mL/ha (400 g ai/ha)	

This product is toxic to aquatic organisms. Do not allow wastewater, effluent or runoff containing this product to enter lakes, streams, ponds or other waters. Avoid direct application to ponds, streams and lakes. Toxic to adult bees in laboratory studies via oral exposure, however, not toxic to bees through contact exposure, and field studies conducted with this product have shown no effects on honeybee colony development.

Follow all other precautions, restrictions, and directions for use on the ALTUS® insecticide label carefully.

For a copy of the updated label contact Cassie Russell, Nursery and Landscape Specialist, OMAFRA, (cassie.russell@ontario.ca), your regional supply outlet, or visit the PMRA label site http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/registrant-titulaire/tools-outils/label-etiq-eng.php

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