

Info Sheet: Grazers Rabbit Repellent



GRAZERS. The effective & easy solution to damage caused by grazing rabbits.

Millions of dollars are lost each year by small block owners & farmers because of rabbit damage to landscaping, vegetable gardens and crops. Grazers is a safe and effective spray to prevent damage by RABBITS, PIGEON, DEER & GEESSE. It enables farmers and growers to protect plants from damage in a cost effective, easy and safe way.

Grazers is a trace element based spray and therefore safe for pets, wildlife and the environment.

Grazers is beneficial to the plant and can be sprayed safely even on young plants at the earliest growth stage. At Alter-Natives Wholesale Nursery we even spray it on freshly germinated seedling so they are protected when we prick them up into pots and place them on the ground.

Grazers was developed, and is manufactured and supplied by Grazers Ltd, in the north of England.

Grazers must be applied to the foliage of plants, where it is taken in systemically. Because it is nutrient based, it can be sprayed safely on ornamental shrubs and grasses, small trees, bedding plants, fruits or vegetables and lawns. It will help repair any damage already caused. It is odourless to the human nose, and safe for pets.

It is hard to recommend repeat application timings due to the number of variables eg: time of year, location, type and age of plants at risk. Although in most cases 1 treatment is sufficient for Grazers to be effective, we recommend building Grazers up within the plant with 2 or 3 applications 3-7 days apart (where practical) then leave and monitor. This is also a good practice in Autumn to help the plants through the winter. Grazers is also very effective on grass and generally 1 initial application is sufficient - apply just after mowing and if possible leave 5-7 days before re mowing.

Note: When new plants are introduced to the garden we recommended you spray with Grazers at least twice, in a pest free location, prior to planting and again once planted (each application 3 – 7 days apart) This is because new plants have young tender shoots which are very attractive to grazing pests.

At Alter-Natives Nursery we are now spraying our whole nursery every 4 - 6 weeks to ensure that fast growing young plants are treated so they leave us with some protection.

Visit the manufacturers website on www.grazers.co.uk



The above 250ml bottle of Grazers costs \$40 from Alter-Natives Wholesale Nursery.

Mix 30mls with 5 litres of water and spray on your plants. If the plants are all close together in their pots you can spray 1-2 thousand small grade plants with 5 litres but if they are already planted and spread out you will cover less. The 250ml bottle will make up 40 litres of spray.

If you want to mix a very small amount then we suggest you use a syringe to measure and mix it into a little trigger spray bottle (6ml per litre).

We can courier this product to you. Email us with your address. We'll email an invoice back to you and once paid we'll dispatch the GRAZERS. Freight is \$5.



Rabbits love new shoots and eat them off as fast as they grow. They will stand on their hind legs and eat up high to 30cm. If these plants were sprayed with GRAZERS the rabbits would stop eating them and they would soon look fresh and lush.

At Alter-Natives Nursery we have noticed that rabbit like these plants (and others):

Pittosporum crassifolium, Karo (leaves, shoots and bark), and some other Pittosporum species.
 Sophora species, Kowhai
 Coprosma species (particularly small leaved species like propinqua, intertextia, kirkii, acerosa, hawera)
 Olearia lineata & solandri, sometimes paniculata.
 Astelia species
 Corynocarpus laevigata, Karaka
 Grasses
 Pseudopanax crassifolium (lancewood) & lessonii (Houpara)
 Hoheria species
 Plagianthus species, Clianthus species.
 Cordyline species, Cabbage trees
 Corokia species
 Arthropodium cirratum, Rengarenga

Usually not eaten:

Manuka, Kanuka, Flax, Hebe species, Totara, Kahikatea

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it safe with pets and children in the garden?

Yes. The core ingredient is a form of calcium which is beneficial to the plant and is totally safe to children, pets and the environment.

Can I spray it on the bark of trees if rabbits are eating the bark?

No. Grazers works by being absorbed systemically through the leaf of the growing plant and so it is not effective when applied to the bark as it is not absorbed.

Will it harm my pet rabbit in the garden?

No, but it is not recommended to spray where it is going to be grazed as the treated area will be unpalatable.

When is the best time to apply?

It can be sprayed effectively at any stage while the plant or grass is growing, but will be particularly effective in early spring and summer when young growth is emerging and very susceptible to damage

Should I spray new plants before we plant them?

Yes. We recommend spraying plants in the pot at least once (ideally twice) before planting and again once planted, to get Grazers built up within the plant in preparation. This is because new plants are generally very lush and succulent and they will be more prone to damage. Established plants in the garden will generally only need one initial spray at the start of the growing season with repeat applications as required. Note: If you have a high rabbit population multiple sprayings is more important.

Can I mix with other products?

No Grazers must be sprayed on its own and three days should be left before and after other applications, for maximum benefit.

Can I eat vegetables that have been sprayed?

Grazers is safe to spray at any growth stage and beneficial to the plant, It is recommended that there is at least a week between treatment and harvesting as there may be a subtle effect on the taste. Most damage from rabbits is caused to the young plant well before harvest, which is also when Grazers is most effective.

Can I spray newly germinated grass?

Yes, Grazers is most effective when sprayed at the earliest stages of growth when the leaf is actively growing and taking up nutrients. Because of its calcium content Grazers is also beneficial to the young plant.

Can I use it on plants that have had all the foliage eaten off and only stems are left?

Grazers is absorbed through the leaves and if there are none it will not be taken in to any great effect. You can spray every few days until new buds show and then spray weekly for a month or so until the plant has foliage so it will take in the repellent. This may not work in all situations but at Alter-Natives Nursery we have done this on Coprosma, Olearia and Corokia species.

Can I spray over our golf greens?

Yes, it has no detrimental effect on the grass and despite regular mowing it is still effective, though more applications may be required.

When is the best time to apply?

It can be sprayed effectively at any stage while the crop is growing, but will last longer during the active growing season ie; spring to autumn.

NB if a plant/crop/grass is under stress due to poor health, nutrition, poor soil conditions (waterlogged, drought) Grazers may not work straight away and growing conditions/plant health may have to improve before re application.

Large packs are available for crop fields. Enquire at Alter-Natives Wholesale Nursery if you need one.

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