

## PESTICIDE CONTROL OF THE LILY BEETLE

Based on personal experience and that of other lily growers.

**DR. DOOM COMMERCIAL LONG-LASTING SURFACE RESIDUAL INSECT KILLER** in a yellow can works to **control**, not eliminate the Lily Beetle so you must still monitor the lilies. Spray is a residual and permeates the sprayed leaves and is only lethal to leaf eaters.

- Spray only the leaves, but try to spray them all
- Spray in the evening after the bees are gone
- **1<sup>st</sup> spraying** – when lilies are 4-6” tall and you have noticed beetles, spray is usually effective for 3-4 weeks, usually done in early May depending on weather
- **2<sup>nd</sup> spraying** – lilies will be 1-2 ft. tall and you have noticed a few holes or beetles mid-June to late June
- **3<sup>rd</sup> spraying** – lilies are full grown mid-July to late July
- You may need to spray once more in late August or in Sept. if the beetles are visible
- Beetles can fly in from neighboring infested lily beds
- You will notice a major reduction of beetles in the first year and with diligent monitoring and spraying, you may be able to lessen the spraying the following years.
- **KEEP WATCH FOR BEETLES IN ALL SEASONS, THEY WINTER AS ADULTS IN THE SOIL.**
- **DO NOT PLANT LILIES WITH SOIL ON THE BULBS, WASH THE BULBS WELL BEFORE PLANTING.**
- **Lilies sold as bare bulbs will be safe**