

Extract of Barley Straw

Prevents blanketweed and green water

EcoPond Extract of Barley Straw is an environmentally friendly product which controls algae and blanketweed. The formula harnesses the active capacity of barley straw to suppress algae, so leaving the water clean and clear without harming the fish, wildlife or plants within the pond.

Benefits of Extract of Barley Straw:

- Faster acting than straw and no messy rotting process
- Clean, simple and easy to use.
- Cannot be overdosed
- Safe for fish, plants, humans, pets and wildlife.
- COPR Approved (HSE 9204)



Dosage: 125 mls per 4,500 litres (1000 gallons) initial dose
20 – 40 mls weekly thereafter
250 ml treats up to 4,500 litres of pond water

EcoPond Extract of Barley Straw is formulated from organically grown British Straw, under the F.A.A.B (Farm Assured Scheme). No herbicides or pesticides are introduced during the growing process, or during the production process.

Additional information:

- Natural products sometimes work less quickly than available chemical products but offer a safer solution
- Extract of Barley Straw acts as a natural algicide, killing the algae by breaking down the cell wall, rather than by removing the nutrients on which the algae feeds as some other products do.
- UV can affect the activity of the product. It is important to dose more regularly (twice a week) if the system utilises UV.

What others say about EcoPond Extract of Barley Straw:

Awarded full marks in a Gardening Which? test of green water algae treatments

May 2007

"I've been treating our pond with EcoPond Extract of Barley Straw and I'm pleased to say it's worked fantastically."

S Laing, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, July 2010

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I use Ecopond Extract of Barley Straw?

We recommend dosing 125 mls per 4,500 litres (1000 gallons) as an initial dose followed by 20 - 40mls per week. This ensures a background level is maintained within the pond to stop further algae growth.

Remove as much blanketweed as possible before dosing and then stop manual removal. Removing existing blanketweed prevents dead algae creating nutrient-rich sludge at the bottom of the pond and speeds up the control process.

If using Extract of Barley Straw as a preventative measure, we recommend starting to dose it at the beginning of March at a rate of 20 mls per week.

Please note that these dosages are given as a guideline, as all ponds and all algae are different and respond differently to treatment. Extract of Barley Straw is a totally natural product, so it may take a few weeks before you see the full effect. If you are not satisfied that it is working quickly enough, you can add more as it will not harm your fish, pond plants, wildlife or pets.

It is best added near to a re-circulating system or pond pump to ensure it is well mixed, but otherwise, it can simply be sprinkled across the surface of the water. The 250ml, 500ml and 1 litre bottles have built-in measuring chambers. Simply remove the cap on the measuring chamber and gently squeeze the bottle to fill the chamber to the required level.

What are the benefits of using Extract of Barley Straw?

Ecopond Extract of Barley Straw is a liquid version of the barley straw bales and pads sold to treat algae in ponds, but because it is a concentrated liquid it works faster and is unobtrusive. Its regular use will help control blanket weed algae & green water.

As it is totally natural and safe to use you can be confident that precious fish or plants will not be affected by it.

Is there anything that stops Ecopond Extract of Barley from working?

Extract of Barley Straw works well under most conditions, but you may require a higher dose in ponds with high silt content, or in very hard water areas.

Is there a situation where it cannot be used?

No, it is safe to use in even the most sensitive environments.

What happens if I add too much?

Don't worry. It is a totally natural product and no harm can be done by adding too much. It may even kill the algae more quickly.