

## PEST & DISEASE ADVICE

# SOOTY MOULD



Sooty moulds are fungi which cover plant leaves, stems and twigs in a black sticky substance. The mould itself does not feed on the plant, however as it covers the leaf surface, it blocks light and reduces photosynthesis, essential for plant growth. In almost all cases, the sooty mould is secondary to infestation of insects that secrete honeydew. These insects include aphids, scale, mealybug and white flies. Treating the insects will remove the source of the honeydew and try up the sooty mould which will eventually fall or wash off the foliage. The solution to this problem is Conguard, available in 1lt containers from Eplants Nursery.

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