

# The Horntail Snail (*Macrochlamys indica* Benson)



## To optimize detection and monitoring:

- Search for snails at night
- Search in debris piles, bricks, wall crevices and underground cloth i.e., weed barriers
- Search in shaded, moist and humid places i.e., irrigation systems, pumps, A/C units
- Inspect incoming plant shipments and segregate plants into a holding area

## To reduce snail populations:

- Improve sanitation and remove hiding places i.e., boards, stones, debris, dense ground covers and refuse (discarded pots or containers).
- Clear fence lines and borders for easier inspections and treatments
- Create a less humid environment by adjusting irrigation frequency and intensity, promptly repairing leaks, and improving drainage

## How to apply metaldehyde

Before the application	During the application	After the application
Sanitize (remove debris, algae, decomposed leaves)	Apply metaldehyde only to the soil not on the plants	Avoid irrigation for 48h after the treatment
Irrigate (making sure the soil is wet)	Apply in between rows and/or at the base of the plants	Inspect for dead horntail snails
	Apply metaldehyde to all fence lines and borders, compost and refuse piles	

For better results apply in the evening and not during cold days/nights.

**Remember the label is the law! Do not exceed recommended application rates.**



**Please report any horntail snail sightings to the Division of Plant Industry  
1-888-397-1517 or [DPIHelpine@FDACS.gov](mailto:DPIHelpine@FDACS.gov)**