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### **Use of Neonicotinoids at Welby Gardens**

Due to recent reports in the media, there has been an increased concern pertaining to neonicotinoid chemicals and their effect on insects, specifically the bee population.

We would like to address those concerns and what chemicals we use at Welby Gardens. Our Production Manager is an entomologist, using IPM, Integrated Pest Management, for many years. IPM is an organic methodology that integrates beneficial insects to control the pests you are trying to eliminate. When these methods are not effective, we use neonicotinoids, but as little as possible and well within the safety guideline. We do not broadly spray insecticides. If neonicotinoids are used correctly, there is limited impact on the environment, including bees. The recent reports that discuss a large scale impact on the bee population are due to the abuse of these chemicals.

At Welby Gardens, protecting the environment is important to us. We strive to use the safest insect control possible. We only use neonicotinoids in extreme cases of infestation on plants that are in containers larger than 10", which are limited to the hanging baskets and patio pots. All other paks and pot sizes will never get treated with neonicotinoids. We are very sensitive to the issue with pollinators. We always use by label instructions, which reduces the long-term impact.

For more questions regarding neonicotinoids, please refer to the FAQ on neonicotinoids.