



# LadyBug Facts

- Each LadyBug can devour up to **50** garden pests per day. Their favorite food is aphids, but they also eat thrips, spider mites, scale whitefly, mealy bugs, leafhoppers and other pesky creatures!
- The Mama LadyBug lays extra eggs as a **snack** for its babies.
- The safest food that you can give a LadyBug are **strawberries** and **rehydrated apricots and raisins**. Aside from these fruits, it is also safe to feed your ladybugs, **honey**.
- The male LadyBug is **smaller** than the female.
- LadyBugs symbolize **LUCK!**

**DIRECTIONS:** Spritz a little water to give lady bug a drink before putting back in fridge. Refrigerate prior to releasing so that your lady bugs become temporarily inactive. Release in the **evening**, out of direct sunlight, after the area has been watered, and at the base of plants as lady bugs always crawl up. Lady bugs do not fly at night, so they will immediately begin searching for shelter, food and water. Shake about 1/3 of them out of the cup into plants and bushes where they are likely to find food. Store the remainder in the refrigerator and repeat every few days until all are released. In a few days, those that find food will usually begin laying eggs under the leaves in little clusters. Soon the eggs will hatch into larvae which are also beneficial and only eat insects. In about 2 weeks they will become adults.