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The quickest and possibly most effective method of removing lichens and mosses from clay roof tiles is to use the services of companies with high pressure water spraying units. Care must, however, be taken in the execution of this work to ensure that the roof is not damaged or unduly loaded by workmen.

If chemical treatment is preferred, one of the following may be used after wetting the area to be treated with clean water:

- Copper Sulphate and water (1kg to 10 litres water), or
- 1 % solution of sodium pentachlorophenate, or
- A proprietary weed killer, as recommended by the manufacturers.

The selected chemical should be poured on to the affected area. A bristle brush must then be used to loosen the moss.

Small areas of 2-3m<sup>2</sup> should be treated at a time, and rinsed well with clean water before proceeding to the next 2-3m<sup>2</sup>.

Rubber gloves should be worn to protect hands.

Chemical treatments will kill any growth, including plants and grass, so care should be taken to avoid splashing and contact with surrounding areas.

To limit the occurrence of further lichen and moss growth, the roof may be treated with a spirit-based silicone solution