



Relative toxicity of the main active ingredients
contained in domestic use pesticides used
on green spaces
(trees, shrubs, grass and paved surfaces)

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IMPORTANT NOTE TO USER

This document provides an overview of the relative toxicity of active ingredients contained in domestic use¹ pesticides used in green spaces. The pictograms assigned to the toxicity for mammals and the non-target species are determined using the most severe criterion and not by an average. For full details on their toxicity, please consult the SAgE pesticides website: www.sagepesticides.qc.ca.

Furthermore, the document does not consider the method of application of the pesticide which may influence the risk of exposure. This must be evaluated by the user of the pesticide.

Active ingredient	Mammals toxicity including human ²		Non targeted species toxicity ²			Persistence in soil ²	Leaching potential ²	Application area	Main pests controlled	Some examples of end-use products containing the active ingredient ³ (registration number)
	Acute toxicity	Long term effect								
INSECTICIDES										
Acetamiprid						Low	Low	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Aphids, leafhoppers, leaf miners, whiteflies	Acetamiprid RTU Insecticide (27126)
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subspecies <i>kurstaki</i>			-	-		-	-	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Caterpillars	Safer's BTK Biological Insecticide (24536) Bioprotec Eco (27251)

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Borax				-		-	-	Lawns and paved surfaces	Ants	Ortho Ant B Gon Max Ant Traps (23372) Safer's Attack Ant Trap (24355) Knock Down Eco Ant Killer Bait (31203)
Calcium sulphide or calcium polysulphide						-	-	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Mealybugs, mites, scale insects	Green Earth Lime Sulphur Concentrate (7386) Lime Sulphur (27978)
Carbaryl						Low	Moderate	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Various insects	Wilson Rose Doctor Insecticide-Fungicide (10565) King PTV Potato, Tomato & Vegetable Dust for Bugs and Blight (29619)
Imidacloprid						High	High	Lawns	European chafer beetle, japanese beetle, black turfgrass Ataenius, leatherjackets	BioAdvanced Science-Based Solutions Season Long Grub Control (29738)
Insecticidal soap					-	Low	Low	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Various insects	Safer's Insecticidal Soap (14668) Ortho Bug-B-Gon Eco Insecticidal Soap Ready-To-Spray Concentrate (29272)
								Lawns		Safer's Trounce Lawn & Turf Insecticide (28681)

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Malathion						Low	Low	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Various insects	Wilson 50 % Malathion Liquid Insecticide-Miticide (9802)
Mineral oil						-	-	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Mealybugs, mites, scales, spider mites	Green Earth Horticultural Oil Insect Spray (21348) Liquid Insecticide oil spray for Dormant Trees (25307)
Permethrin						Low	Low	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Aphids, caterpillars	Bio-Environmental Permethrin Water-Based Insecticide (22804)
Pyrethrins						Low	Low	Trees, shrubs, gardens	Various insects	Pyrocide Aqueous Plant Spray Insecticide (15181) K-G House & Garden Insect Killer I (17953)
								Lawns		Safer's Trounce Lawn & Turf Insecticide (28681)
Silicon dioxide (present as diatomaceous earth ⁴)	-	-		-	-	-	-	Trees, shrubs, gardens, and paved surfaces	Various insects	Wilson Antout Ant Killer Dust (21936) Knock Down Eco Crawling Insect Control & Killer Bait Powder (31048)

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Spinosad						Moderate	Low	Trees, shrubs, gardens and lawns	Sod webworms	Conserve 120 SC Domestic Naturalyte Insect Control Product (27285) Spinosad Insecticide (28602)
FUNGICIDES										
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> strain QST 713			-	-	-	-	-	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Botrytis blight, leaf spot, powdery mildew	Natria Disease Control Concentrate (28628) Natria Disease Control Ready to Use (28629)
Calcium sulphide or calcium polysulphide						-	-	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Apple scab, black spot	Green Earth Lime Sulphur Concentrate (7386) Lime Sulphur (27978)
Captan						Low	Low	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Black spot, bulb rot, damping off, powdery mildew	Gardal Rose, Flower & Evergreen Dust (14851) Wilson Bulb and Soil Dust (14852) King Home & Garden Fruit Tree and Garden Spray (9986)

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Copper octanoate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Trees, shrubs, gardens and lawns	Powdery mildew, Corynespora leaf spot, powdery mildew, rust, bacterial blight, fire blight, coryneum blight, black spot, cercospora leaf spot	HydroWorxx Disease Control Concentrate (31826)
Folpet						Low	Low	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Anthraco nose, black spot, powdery mildew	Wilson Rose Doctor Insecticide-Fungicide (10565)
Polyoxin D zinc salt	-	-				Moderate	-	Lawns	Anthraco nose, brown ring patch, red thread, brown patch, grey snow mould, botrytis blight, grey mould	Polyoxin D zinc salt 11.3% WDG domestic fungicide (32690)
Sulphur						Moderate	Low	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Leaf spot, powdery mildew, rust	Safer's Defender Garden Fungicide Ready to Use (19061) Green Earth Garden Fungicide Ready to Use (21880) King Eco-Way Fruit Tree & Garden Fungicide Spray or Dust (29572)

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Tribasic copper sulphate						High	Low	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Anthracnose, black spot	Wilson Garden Doctor Insecticide/Fungicide (17424) Green Earth Bordo Copper Spray (17482)
HERBICIDES										
4-chloroindole-3-acetic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lawns	Dandelion plantain, hawkweed, cinquefoil, black medic, hawkbit	Wilson Weedout Ultra herbicide pour pelouse (32515)
Acetic acid				-	-	Low	Low	Lawns and paved surfaces	Dandelion and plantain in lawns, undesirable vegetation growing in paved surfaces	EcoClear For Fast Acting Weed Control (26522) AG Global Amaizeingly Green Horticultural Vinegar (31459)
Citric acid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lawns	Birds foot-trefoil, black medick, wood sorel, red clover, white clover	Bioprotec Lawn Herbicide Concentrate (30881)
Lactic acid	-	-				-	-			Bioprotec Lawn Herbicide Ready to Use (30883)

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Corn gluten meal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lawns	Dandelion and crabgrass seeds	TurfMaize Corn Gluten Herbicide (27491) Nutrite Pre-Emergent Weed Seed Germination Inhibitor (27727) Corn Gluten Meal Herbicide DDG (31961)
Dichlobenil	⚠	◆	▼	○	○	High	High	Trees and shrubs	Undesirable vegetation	Casoron Granular Herbicide (20233)
Glufosinate-ammonium	⚠	▼	○	○	○	Low	Low	Paved surfaces	Undesirable vegetation growing in paved surfaces	Wilson Total WipeOut Ready-To-Use (25300) Wilson Total Wipeout Max concentrate (25301)
Glyphosate (present as acid)	⚠	○	▼	⚠	○	Low	Low	Lawns and paved surfaces	Undesirable vegetation growing in paved surfaces	Roundup Quik Stik Non-Selective Herbicide Tablets (23786)
Glyphosate (present as amine salts)	⚠	○	▼	○	○	Low	Low	Lawns and paved surfaces	Undesirable vegetation control lawn, patio weed control	Wilson total wipeout max grass & weed killer refill (32090)

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Herbicidal soap					-	Low	Low	Trees, shrubs, garden, lawns and paved surfaces	Undesirable vegetation growing in paved surfaces, moss and lichen	Safer's Fast Acting TopGun Weed Killer Herbicide (22244) Finalsan Concentrate (29017) Scotts Ecosense Moss B Gon Herbicidal Soap Concentrate Moss & Algae Killer (29303)
Iron (present as FeHEDTA)			-	-	-	-	-	Lawns and paved surfaces	Several species of broadleaf weeds, moss and algae	NEU1173H Large Size (29538) Scotts Ecosense Weed B Gon Ready-To-Spray Weed Control (30145)
Napropamide						High	High	Trees and shrubs	Undesirable vegetation	Devrinol 2-G Ready-To-Use Herbicide (28512)
<i>Sclerotinia minor</i> strain IMI 344141			-	-	-	-	-	Lawns	Dandelion	Sarritor Selective Biological Lawn Weed Killer (28546)
Sodium chloride ⁴	-	-		-	-	-	-	Lawns	Small ragweed, various broadleaf weeds	WeedOut lawn Weed Control (31027)
Trifluralin						High	Low	Trees and shrubs	Undesirable vegetation	Biobarrier Root Control System (Domestic) (28780)

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MOLLUSCIDES										
Ferric phosphate	○	○	-	-	-	-	-	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Slugs and snails	Sluggo Slug and Snail Bait for Gardens (26102) Ortho Slug B Gon Eco Slug and Snail Bait (28375)
Ferric sodium EDTA	◆	▼	!	○	-	-	-	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Slugs and snails	Safer's Slug & Snail Killer (28775)
Metaldehyde	▼	◆	!	▼	○	Moderate	-	Trees and shrubs	Slugs and snails	King Slug & Snail Pellets (28287) Wilson SlugOut Meal (25908)
Silicon dioxyde (present as diatomaceous earth)	-	-	○	-	-	-	-	Trees, shrubs, lawns and paved surfaces	Slugs	Wilson Antout Ant Killer Dust (21936) Pro Professional ProGreen Insect Dust (28746)

¹ Active ingredients mentioned in this table are contained in pesticides for domestic use (federal government) and classes 4 and 5 (provincial government).

² Source : SAgE pesticides. Québec : ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation / ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques / Institut national de santé publique du Québec [www.sagepesticides.qc.ca].

³ The pesticide may contain one or more active ingredients other than mentioned. To learn more about the product, check the label on the Pest Management Regulatory Agency [label search](#) tool.

⁴ Source : University of Hertfordshire (2013). The Pesticide Properties DataBase (PPDB) developed by the Agriculture & Environment Research Unit (AERU), University of Hertfordshire, 2006-2013, (Pages viewed in February 2016), [En ligne]. <http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/aeru/ppdb/en/index.htm>

LEGEND

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	<p>This symbol is used to describe pesticides with slight risk to human health or the environment.</p> <p>Although these pesticides can normally be used without adverse effects, users should take all necessary prevention measures to avoid all form of exposure and minimized risk for the environment.</p>
	<p>This symbol is used to describe pesticides with low risk to human health or the environment.</p> <p>These pesticides should be used in first place. Although these pesticides can normally be used without adverse effects, users should take all necessary prevention measures to avoid all form of exposure and minimized risk for the environment.</p>

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The dash (-) indicates that the data is not available.

➤ Mammals toxicity including human

Acute toxicity criteria	Severity of the effects				
					
	Indicator values				
LD₅₀ oral (mg/kg)	≤ 5	> 5 - 50	> 50 - 300	> 300 - 2000	> 2000
LD₅₀ dermal (mg/kg)	≤ 50	> 50 - 200	> 200 - 1000	> 1000 - 2000	> 2000
LC₅₀ inhalation (mg/l)	≤ 0,05	> 0,05 - 0,5	> 0,5 - 1	> 1 - 5	> 5
Dermal irritation		Severe to extreme irritant	Moderate irritant	Slight irritant	Little or no irritant
Ocular irritation		Severe to extreme irritant	Moderate irritant	Slight irritant	Little or no irritant
Sensitization		Yes	Potential		No

Long term effects criteria	Severity of the effects					
						
	Indicator values					
Carcinogenicity	Human carcinogen	Probable human carcinogen	Possible human carcinogen	Data inadequate for assessment of human carcinogenic potential		Not likely to be carcinogen to humans
Genotoxicity		Genotoxic for humans	Potential genotoxic for humans		No or inadequate data	No evidence of human genotoxicity
Endocrine disruption		Evidence of endocrine disruption	Potential of endocrine disruption		No or inadequate data	No evidence of endocrine disruption
Reproductive effects	Confirmed human effects	Suspected human effects	Confirmed animal effects	Suspected animal effects	No or inadequate data	No effect
Development	Confirmed human effects	Suspected human effects	Confirmed animal effects	Suspected animal effects	No or inadequate data	No effect

➤ Non-target species toxicity

Bird toxicity criteria

LD ₅₀ (mg/kg)	Symbol
< 10	
10 - 50	
50 - 500	
500 - 2000	
> 2000	

Freshwater fish and aquatic invertebrate toxicity criteria

LC ₅₀ (µg/L)	Symbol
< 100	
100 - 1000	
1000 - 10 000	
10 000 - 100 000	
> 100 000	

Honey bee toxicity criteria

LD ₅₀ (µg/bee)	Symbol
< 2	
2 - 11	
> 11	

➤ Persistence in soil

Environmental persistence potential criteria

DT ₅₀ (days)	Persistence potential
< 30	Low
30 - 90	Moderate
≥ 90	High

➤ Leaching potential

Leaching potential criteria

GUS* Index	Leaching potential
< 1,8	Low
1,8 - 2,8	Moderate
≥ 2,8	High

*Groundwater Ubiquity Score