

# Chemical Factsheet

## Dinotefuran

### General Information

- Product Names:
  - Sagcity** (PBI/Gordon)
  - Scorpion** (Gowan)
  - Safari** (Valent)
  - Sarkle** (Mitsui)
  - PT Alpine** (BASF)
- Chemical Class: Neonicotinoid insecticide
- Uses: Agriculture, lawns/golf course
- Alternatives: [Organic agriculture](#), [lawns/landscapes](#), [golf course](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

### Health and Environmental Effects

*See citations at end of document.*

- Cancer: Not likely (1)
- Endocrine Disruption: Potential (2)
- Reproductive Effects: Yes (1)
- Neurotoxicity: Yes (2)
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Not documented
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Not documented
- Birth/Developmental: Not documented
- Detected in Groundwater: Not documented
- Potential Leacher: Not documented
- Toxic to Birds: Not documented
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Not documented
- Toxic to Bees: Yes (1)

### Residential Uses as Found in the ManageSafe™ Database

- [Fleas](#)
- [Hemlock Woolly Adelgid](#)
- [Tree-boring Caterpillars](#)
- [Emerald Ash Borer](#)
- [Thrips](#)

### Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
  - [Dinotefuran Registration Review](#) (2017)
  - [EPA Dinotefuran Petition and Response](#)
  - [Beyond Pesticides' Preliminary Neonicotinoid Assessments \(non-pollinator\) comments](#) (04/2018)

- [EPA Factsheet](#) (9/2004)
- Supporting information:
  - [Pesticides and Pollinators: Chemicals Implicated in CCD](#)
  - [Poisoned Waterways](#) (Beyond Pesticides, 2017)
  - [Net Loss—Economic Efficacy And Costs Of Neonicotinoid Insecticides Used As Seed Coatings: Updates From The United States And Europe](#) (Center for Food Safety, 2016)
  - [Heavy Costs: Weighing the Value of Neonicotinoid Insecticides in Agriculture](#) (Center for Food Safety, 2014)
  - The Xerces Society - [Neonicotinoids and Bees](#)
  - [Forest Service Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment](#) (04/2009)
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