

Chemical Factsheet

Tebufenozide

General Information

- Chemical Class: Diacylhydrazine insecticide
- Uses: Control of lepidopterans in forestry, ornamentals, grapes, blueberries, cranberries, nut trees, pome fruits, citrus, brassica, leafy vegetables, fruiting vegetables, canola, cotton, mint and turnip.
- Alternatives: [Organic agriculture](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

- Cancer: Possible (1)
- Endocrine Disruption: Possible (2)
- Reproductive Effects: Insufficiently Studied
- Neurotoxicity: Insufficiently Studied
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Yes (3); Blood Cell Damage (3)
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Not Likely
- Birth/Developmental: Insufficiently Studied
- Detected in Groundwater: Possible (4)
- Potential Leacher: Possible (3, 4)
- Toxic to Birds: Insufficiently Studied
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (5)
- Toxic to Bees: Possible (3)

Residential Uses as Found in the ManageSafe™ Database

- [Bagworms](#)
- [Gypsy Moths](#)

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [Tebufenozide Registration Review document](#)
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
 - [Current-use pesticides in vegetation, topsoil and water reveal contaminated landscapes of the Upper Rhine Valley, Germany](#). Mauser, K.M., Wolfram, J., Spaak, J.W. et al. Current-use pesticides in vegetation, topsoil and water reveal contaminated landscapes of the Upper Rhine Valley, Germany. Commun Earth Environ 6, 166 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-025-02118-2>

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