

Chemical Factsheet

4-Chlorophenoxyacetic acid (4-CPA)

General Information

- Chemical Class: Phenoxy plant growth regulator
- Uses: Indoor use on mung beans
- Alternatives: Organic Agriculture
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

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

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [EPA Registration Document](#)
 - [EPA factsheet](#)

Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

2. US EPA, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs), Interim REDs (iREDs) and RED Factsheets.

<https://archive.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/web/html/status.html>.

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