

Chemical Factsheet

Imidacloprid

General Information

- Fact Sheet: [Imidacloprid.pdf](#)
- Product Names:
 - Advanced Garden Tree & Shrub Insect Control Concentrate** (Bayer)
 - Merit** (Bayer and Environmental Science U.S.)
 - Grubex Season Long Grub Control** (Scotts)
 - K9 Advantix 10** (Bayer), formulated with [Permethrin](#)
 - Quickbayt Fly Bait** (Bayer)
 - Quickbayt Disposable Fly Bait Strip** (Bayer)
 - Fuse** (Control Solutions, Inc.)
- Chemical Class: Chloro-nicotinyl insecticide
- Uses: Agriculture, lawns and landscapes, pet pests, gardening
- Alternatives: [Organic agriculture](#), [Organic lawn care](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

- Cancer: Possible (1, 2)
- Endocrine Disruption: Likely (3, 4)
- Reproductive Effects: Yes (5, 3, 4)
- Neurotoxicity: Possible (6)
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Possible (7, 8)
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Not documented
- Birth/Developmental: Likely (6)
- Detected in Groundwater: Not documented
- Potential Leacher: Yes (5)
- Toxic to Birds: Yes (9)
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (9)
- Toxic to Bees: Yes (9)

Residential Uses as Found in the ManageSafe™ Database

- [Dandelions](#)
- [Tree-boring Caterpillars](#)
- [Fleas](#)
- [Grubs](#)
- [Termites](#)
- [Ants](#)
- [Chinch Bugs](#)
- [Cockroaches](#)
- [Hemlock Woolly Adelgid](#)
- [Bed Bugs](#)

- [Emerald Ash Borer](#)
- [Clover](#)
- [Thrips](#)
- [Whiteflies](#)
- [Aphids](#)
- [Fire Ants](#)

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [Beyond Pesticides' Tolerance Comments \(April 2026\)](#)
 - [Beyond Pesticides' Testimony \(03/2025\)](#)
 - [Beyond Pesticides' Neonicotinoid Comments \(October 2024\)](#)
 - [Beyond Pesticides' Preliminary Neonicotinoid Ecological Assessments \(non-pollinator\) comments \(04/2018\)](#)
 - [Imidacloprid Registration Review \(04/2018\)](#)
 - [Beyond Pesticides' EPA Draft Human Health Risk Assessment comments \(11/2017\)](#)
 - [Beyond Pesticides' Aquatic Ecological Assessment comments \(07/2017\)](#)
 - [EPA Actions on Pollinators \(01/2017\)](#)
- Supporting information:
 - EU Commission: [Neonicotinoids](#)
 - [EFSA consultation for thiamethoxam \(2016\)](#)
 - [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](#)
 - [NCAP Imidacloprid Factsheet \(Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides\)](#)
 - [PAN Pesticides Database: Imidacloprid \(Pesticide Action Network\)](#)
 - [NPIC Imidacloprid Factsheet \(National Pesticide Information Center\)](#)
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
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