

Chemical Factsheet

Terbuthylazine

General Information

- Product Names:
 - Ama-204**
 - Bellacide 325**
 - Bellacide 329**
 - Bellacide 320**
- Chemical Class: Triazine
- Uses: as a broad-spectrum herbicide, algicide, microbicide, and microbiostat.
- Alternatives: [Organic Agriculture](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

- Cancer: Possible (1)
- Endocrine Disruption: Not documented
- Reproductive Effects: Not documented
- Neurotoxicity: Not documented
- 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: Yes (1)
- Toxic to Bees: Not documented

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [EPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision \(RED\) Archive Document](#) (1995)
 - [EPA Registration Review Draft Risk Assessment for Terbuthylazine](#) (2019)
- Supporting information:
 - [PAN Pesticides Database: Terbuthylazine](#) (Pesticide Action Network)
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Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

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