

Chemical Factsheet

Rotenone

General Information

- Fact Sheet: [Rotenone.pdf](#)
- Product Names:
 - Garden Dust** (Bonide Products), formulated with [Pyrethrum](#), Copper sulfate, [Sulfur](#)
 - Flys Off Lotion Insect Repellent for Dogs** (Farnam Companies), formulated with [Pyrethrum](#)
 - Ear Mite Control** (Unicorn Laboratories)
 - Prentox** (Prentiss), formulated with [Piperonyl butoxide](#) (some formulations)
 - Noxfish Fish Toxicant** (Prentiss), formulated with [Piperonyl butoxide](#) (some formulations)
- Chemical Class: Botanical insecticide
- Uses: Applied directly to water to manage fish populations in lakes, ponds, reservoirs, rivers, streams, and in aquaculture.
- 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: Yes (1)
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Yes (1)
- 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: Yes (2)

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [EPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision \(RED\) signed](#) (3/2007)
- Supporting information:
 - [Exttoxnet Rotenone Factsheet](#) (Extension Toxicology Network)
 - [PAN Pesticides Database:Rotenone](#) (Pesticide Action Network)
 - [PAN UK Rotenone Factsheet](#) (Pesticide Action Network UK)
 - [Scorecard Rotenone Factsheet](#) (The Pollution Information Site)
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
 - [Rotenone Linked to Parkinson's Disease](#) (Beyond Pesticides Daily News Archive)
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Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

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