

# Changes to the registration of imidacloprid pesticides (non-agricultural uses)



All pesticides used in Canada must be registered under the *Pest Control Products Act*. Pesticides are re-evaluated to ensure that they continue to meet health and environmental requirements. Re-evaluation may result in the revocation of a product or product uses. Health Canada may also request changes to a product's label, including mitigation measures, use sites and application methods.

Imidacloprid is a neonicotinoid insecticide used on several crops, for the treatment of seeds, for the treatment of structures and on domestic animals against fleas and ticks. Highlights of the re-evaluation decision of the active ingredient **imidacloprid** for non-agricultural uses, published on May 19, 2021, are summarized below.

In this factsheet, non-agricultural uses include use on lawns, structural treatments and products for pets.

## Cancelled products, as of May 19, 2024

**Stop the use of the following pesticides:**

MERIT SOLUPAK	25932
MERIT GRANULAR	25933
QUALI-PRO IMIDACLOPRID 75 WSP	29130
QUALI-PRO IMIDACLOPRID 0,5	29185

**The sale of these products is prohibited since May 19, 2023.**

## Label changes for imidacloprid pesticides, as of May 19, 2023

### Cancelled uses

**Stop** foliar or granular applications on turf.

### Other risk reduction measures

#### Products for structural uses

- Updated statement on site ventilation during application:
  - ✓ “Ventilate treated areas either by opening windows and doors or through use of air exchange/ventilation systems confirmed to be operational. Use fans where required to aid in the circulation of air.”
- Updated definitions of permitted application types for the treatment of structures \*

#### Pet products

- Update of permitted uses for local topical treatment against fleas and ticks

Users must follow the instructions on the updated labels.

Using a pesticide contrary with the label directions is a violation of the *Pest Control Products Act*.

## Read the label

All pesticides registered in Canada have a Health Canada-approved label with a registration number. Read the pesticide label carefully, as it contains specific information on how to use it.

To find the most up-to-date label, use our online [label search tool](#), or search for “Health Canada pesticide labels” using your favourite search engine.

## For more information

Re-evaluation decision [RVD2021-05](#), Imidacloprid and its associated end-use products  
*The Health Canada-approved label is the official document for enforcement purposes. In the event of any discrepancy with the contents of this factsheet, the information on the label shall prevail.*

\* Pest Management Regulatory Agency guidance document, [Structural pest control products label updates](#)

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