

Changes to the registration of methomyl pesticides



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.

Methomyl is used in agriculture, forestry and as a granular bait in barns, poultry houses, feedlots and kennels. Highlights of the re-evaluation decisions of the active ingredient **methomyl**, published on March 29, 2018, are summarized below.

Label changes for methomyl pesticides, as of March 29, 2020

Cancelled uses

Stop use on the following crops and sites:

- apple
- barley
- canola
- flax
- lettuce
- oat
- potato
- snap beans
- tomato
- tobacco
- wheat
- balsam fir and spruce in farm woodlots and rights-of-ways

Other risk reduction measures

- Limit of one application per year on the following crops:
 - ✓ broccoli
 - ✓ Brussels sprouts
 - ✓ cabbage
 - ✓ cauliflower
 - ✓ succulent shelled peas
 - ✓ sweet corn
- Updated restricted-entry intervals (REI)
- Added warnings to protect bees and other non-target organisms
- Application prohibited after August 15 of each year on the following crops:
 - ✓ broccoli
 - ✓ Brussels sprouts
 - ✓ cabbage
 - ✓ cauliflower
 - ✓ sweet corn
- Prohibited for use indoors or in residential areas

Other risk reduction measures (cont'd)

- Any granules spilled or exposed on the ground must be buried or collected
- Updated buffer zones updated
- Added warnings against runoff and leaching
- Addition of a statement concerning the possibility of reaching groundwater in areas where soils are permeable

Users must follow the instructions on the updated labels.

Using a pesticide contrary to 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 [RVD2018-05](#) Methomyl 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.

Health Canada's Pesticide Compliance Program (PCP) is responsible for enforcing the *Pest Control Products Act*. Visit: canada.ca/pesticide-compliance.