



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product name:** ORTHO® Orthene® Fire Ant Killer 1  
**Description:** Insecticide

**Company**  
The Scotts Company  
14111 Scottslawn Road  
Marysville, OH 43041

**24-HOUR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**  
CHEMTREC (U.S.): 1-800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC (International): 1-703-527-3887  
Non-Emergency Calls: 1-937-644-0011

**EPA Registration No.:** 239-2632  
**Formula No.:** S10295

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Labelling

**Signal word:** CAUTION.

### Precautionary Statement

Harmful if swallowed. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid breathing dust or spray mist. Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, socks, shoes, and chemical resistant gloves when handling or applying product. Keep out of reach of children.

### Potential health effects

**Eye contact:** May cause slight irritation.  
**Skin contact:** Irritation not expected.  
**Ingestion:** Slightly toxic.  
**Inhalation:** May cause irritation of respiratory tract.

**Aggravated Medical Conditions:** Inhalation may aggravate asthma.  
**Properties affecting health:** Cholinesterase inhibition.  
**Principle routes of exposure:** Skin, Eyes, Inhalation, Ingestion  
**Target organ effects:** Irritation. Nervous system.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS-No	Weight %
Acephate	30560-19-1	50
Inert Ingredients	PROPRIETARY	50

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye contact:** Hold eye open and rins slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice

**Skin contact:** Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice

**Ingestion:** Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person

**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice

**Notes to physician:** Contains a cholinesterase inhibitor; atropine sulfate and protopam (2-PAM) are antidotal, but 2-PAM should not be used alone.

**Protection of first-aiders:** Wear personal protective equipment. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Flammable properties:** May burn under fire conditions.  
**Suitable extinguishing media:** Water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical, chemical foam.  
**Explosion potential:** Dust at sufficient concentrations may form explosive mixtures with air.  
**Explosive properties:** No information available.  
**Hazardous combustion products:** Toxic fumes may be produced.  
**Fire fighting procedures:** Select appropriate method to surround and extinguish fire.  
**Special protective equipment for firefighters:** As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal precautions:** Wear personal protective equipment  
**Environmental precautions:** Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.  
**Methods for containment:** Use good housekeeping practices. Clean up promptly by sweeping or vacuum.  
**Methods for cleaning up:** Detergent and water.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Handling:** Avoid container breakage. Avoid inhalation or contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wear chemical resistant gloves, long pants, and long-sleeved shirt when applying. Do not contaminate water sources when disposing of equipment wash waters.

**Storage:** Store in original container in a safe place. Do not put concentrate or dilute into food or drink containers. Do not store diluted spray. Keep out of the reach of children.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Components	ACGIH:	OSHA:
Acephate	Not Listed	Not Listed

**Engineering controls** Use adequate ventilation to keep the airborne concentrations of this material below the recommended exposure standard

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eye/face protection:** Safety glasses with side shields or goggles.  
**Skin and body protection:** Wear suitable protective clothing if contact is anticipated during manufacturing. Chemical resistant gloves.  
**Respiratory protection:** If airborne levels are high or product does not remain intact, use a combination of engineering controls (e.g. ventilation) and personal protection (e.g. NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator for dusts, mists, and fumes).

**General hygiene considerations:** Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.  
**Re-entry Interval:** When dry.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Physical State:</b> Solid	<b>Appearance:</b> powder
<b>Color:</b> White	<b>Odor:</b> Mercaptan odour
<b>Solubility:</b> Soluble	<b>Decomposition temperature:</b> >300 F
<b>Density:</b> 18 lb/cu ft	

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Chemically Stable:** Yes  
**Conditions to avoid:** Damp or wet conditions. Extreme heat.  
**Materials to avoid:** Avoid contact with other chemicals . Bases.  
**Hazardous decomposition products:** Toxic fumes and gases may be generated.  
**Possibility of hazardous reactions:** Poses little or no immediate hazard.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Acute toxicity**

**LD50/oral:** 1494 mg/kg, rat  
**LD50/dermal:** >10.0 g/kg, rat  
**LC50/inhalation:** >11.0 mg/L, (dust), rat  
**Eye effects:** Mild eye irritation, rabbit  
**Skin effects:** Slight irritation, rabbit  
**Sensitization:** No information available

**Chronic toxicity**

**Carcinogenic effects:** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Components	NTP:	IARC:	OSHA:
Acephate	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Ingestion:** Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea . Toxic if swallowed.  
**Inhalation:** May cause irritation of respiratory tract. Organophosphorous pesticide : cholinesterase inhibitor, neurologic and respiratory toxicity.  
**Target organ effects:** Irritation. Nervous system.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity effects:** This pesticide is toxic to birds, mammals, fish and aquatic invertebrates. Highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues on blooming crops or weeds. Do not apply or allow drift to blooming crops or weeds if bees are visiting treatment area.  
**Persistence and degradability:** Inherently biodegradable.  
**Bioaccumulative potential:** Does not bioaccumulate.  
**Mobility:** Water contaminating.  
**Aquatic toxicity:** No information available. Toxic to fish and other water organisms.  
**Additional ecological information:** Do not contaminate water sources when disposing of equipment washwaters. Do not apply directly to lakes, streams, or ponds.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste Disposal Methods:** If partially filled, call the local solid waste agency or 1-800-CLEANUP for disposal instructions. Do not place product down any indoor or outdoor drain.  
**Contaminated packaging:** If empty, place in trash or offer for recycling if available.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

The description shown may not apply to all situations. Consult 49 CFR, or appropriate dangerous goods regulations for additional description requirements (e.g. technical name) and mode-specific or quantity-specific shipping requirements.

**DOT**

**Proper shipping name:** Not regulated

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Components	CAS-No	CERCLA/SARA 313	CERCLA/SARA 302
Acephate	30560-19-1	Not Listed	Not Listed

**General Information** Contact local authorities for disposal of large quantities of product

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**NFPA:** Health: 1 Flammability: 1 Reactivity: 0

**HMS:** Health: 1 Flammability: 1 Reactivity: 0

**Hazard Rating:** 0=Least; 1-Slight; 2=Moderate; 3=High; 4=Severe

**EPA FIFRA Comment:** Use of this product is regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the approved product label. It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

**General comment:** This document contains health, safety, and environmental information useful to emergency response agencies, health care providers, manufacturers, and workers/employees. It does not replace the precautionary language, use directions, or the storage and disposal information found on the product label.

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