

**READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING**



# Spartan Herbicide

**ACTIVE CONSTITUENT: 480 g/L PRODIAMINE**

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HERBICIDE</b>
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**For Pre-Emergent Control of Weeds in Established Turf,  
Garden Beds and Nursery Containers**

**IMPORTANT: READ THIS LEAFLET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT**

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## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

### Restraints

**DO NOT** blend Spartan Herbicide onto dry fertiliser or any other granular material.

**DO NOT** apply to turf under stress.

**DO NOT** apply to golf course putting greens or bowling greens.

**DO NOT** apply to newly seeded, sodded or sprigged turf. Delay application until turf is at 100% cover and root system is developed beyond a 3 cm depth.

**DO NOT** apply to garden beds over the top of mulch.

**DO NOT** apply to recently re-potted or newly potted seeds, cuttings, divisions or plants. Allow a period of establishment within which a substantial root system can be developed.

**DO NOT** apply if heavy rain has been forecast within 48 hours.

**DO NOT** apply to waterlogged soil.

**DO NOT** irrigate to the point of run-off within 3 days of application.

**DO NOT** apply to turf which is not well-established.

**DO NOT** apply with aircraft or through any type of irrigation equipment.

### Spray Drift Restraints

Specific definitions for terms used in this section of the label can be found at:

[www.apvma.gov.au/spraydrift](http://www.apvma.gov.au/spraydrift)

**DO NOT** allow bystanders to come into contact with the spray cloud.

**DO NOT** apply in a manner that may cause an unacceptable impact to native vegetation, agricultural crops, landscaped gardens and aquaculture production, or cause contamination of plant or livestock commodities, outside the application site from spray drift. The buffer zones in the relevant buffer zone table below provide guidance but may not be sufficient in all situations. Wherever possible, correctly use application equipment designed to reduce spray drift and apply when the wind direction is away from these sensitive areas.

**DO NOT** apply unless the wind speed is between 3 and 20 kilometres per hour at the application site during the time of application.

**DO NOT** apply if there are hazardous surface temperature inversion conditions present at the application site during the time of application. Surface temperature inversion conditions exist most evenings one to two hours before sunset and persist until one to two hours after sunrise.

**DO NOT** apply with a nozzle height greater than 50 cm above the ground.

**DO NOT** apply by a boom sprayer unless the following requirements are met:

- spray droplets not smaller than a **COARSE** spray droplet size category
- minimum distances between the application site and downwind sensitive areas (see 'Mandatory Downwind Buffer Zones' section in the following table titled 'Buffer Zones for Boom Sprayers') are observed.

### Buffer Zones for Boom Sprayers

Application rate	Mandatory Downwind Buffer Zones	
	Natural Aquatic Areas	Vegetation Areas
Up to maximum label rate	120 metres	10 metres

Situation	Weeds Controlled	Rate	Critical Comments
<b>Established turf as listed:</b> Bahia Grass ( <i>Paspalum notatum</i> ), Buffalo Grass ( <i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i> ), Carpet Grass ( <i>Axonopus affinis</i> , <i>Axonopus compressus</i> ), Couch, Common ( <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> ), Couch, Hybrid ( <i>Cynodon dactylon x Cynodon transvaalensis</i> ), Kikuyu ( <i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i> ), Qld Blue Couch ( <i>Digitaria didactyla</i> ), Seashore Paspalum ( <i>Paspalum vaginatum</i> ), Zoysia ( <i>Zoysia japonica</i> , <i>Zoysia matrella</i> )	Barnyard Grass ( <i>Echinochloa crus-gali</i> ), Crab Grass ( <i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i> ), Parramatta Grass ( <i>Sporobolus africana</i> ), Rat's Tail Fescue ( <i>Vulpia myuros</i> ), Summer Grass ( <i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i> )	1 to 3 L per ha  (10 to 30 mL per 100 m <sup>2</sup> )	Apply prior to weed emergence in early spring for residual control of up to 6 months. A repeat application (3 to 4 months after initial application) may be needed if lower rates are used in high weed pressure situations or during extended germination periods due to environmental conditions. Refer to <b>Application</b> section for detailed information.
	Crowsfoot Grass ( <i>Eleusine indica</i> )		Apply prior to weed emergence in early spring. For residual control of up to 4 months use 1 to 2 L/ha. For residual control of up to 6 months use 2 to 3 L/ha. A repeat application (3 to 4 months after initial application) may be needed if lower rates are used in high weed pressure situations or during extended germination periods due to environmental conditions. Note: Crowsfoot Grass germinates later than Crab Grass and/or Summer Grass. In situations with multiple weeds present use higher rates to ensure adequate residual control. Refer to <b>Application</b> section for detailed information.
	African Lovegrass ( <i>Eragrostis curvula</i> ), Bahia Grass ( <i>Paspalum notatum</i> ), Kentucky Blue Grass ( <i>Poa patensis</i> )	2 to 3 L per ha  (20 to 30 mL per 100 m <sup>2</sup> )	Apply prior to weed emergence in early spring. Residual control of up to 6 months. A repeat application (3 to 4 months after initial application) may be needed if lower rates are used in high weed pressure situations or during extended germination periods due to environmental conditions. Refer to <b>Application</b> section for detailed information.
	Paspalum ( <i>Paspalum dilatatum</i> )	2 to 4 L per ha  (20 to 40 mL per 100 m <sup>2</sup> )	
	Winter Grass ( <i>Poa annua</i> )	1 to 2 L per ha  (10 to 20 mL per 100 m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>In the absence of emerged <i>Poa annua</i>.</b> A repeat application (3 to 4 months after initial application) may be needed if lower rates are used in high weed pressure situations or during extended germination periods due to environmental conditions. Refer to <b>Application</b> section for detailed information.
		4 L per ha  (40 mL per 100 m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>In areas where post-emergent herbicides for Winter Grass control may pose a high risk of tracking or off-site damage (i.e. greens surrounds, slopes on high side of greens, etc.).</b> Apply prior to weed emergence in late summer to early autumn for residual control of up to 6 months. A repeat application (3 to 4 months after initial application) may be needed in high weed pressure situations or during extended germination periods due to environmental conditions. Refer to <b>Application</b> section for detailed information.

Situation	Weeds Controlled	Rate	Critical Comments
<p><b>Garden beds (under mulch) and potted plants in nurseries, public open spaces and residential or commercial gardens</b></p> <p><b>DO NOT use on food producing trees, vines, or plants</b></p>	<p>Nursery weeds such as:</p> <p>African Lovegrass (<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>),            Barnyard Grass (<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>),            Bittercress (<i>Cardamine hirsute</i>),            Capeweed (<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>),            Chickweed (<i>Ceratum glomeratum</i>),            Cotula (<i>Cotula australia</i>),            Cotula [Creeping Yellow Buttons] (<i>Cotula lineariloba</i>),            Crab Grass (<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>),            Creeping Tickfoil (<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>),            Crowsfoot Grass (<i>Eleusine indica</i>),            Creeping Oxalis (<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>),            Cudweed (<i>Gnaphalium spp</i>),            Dandelion (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>),            Dock, Narrow Leaf (<i>Rumex tenax</i>),            Emilia or Purple Sow Thistle (<i>Emilia sonchifolia</i>),            Flatweed (<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>),            Flickweed [Willow herb] (<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>),            Florida Beggar-weed (<i>Desmodium tortuosum</i>),            Fumitory, Pink (<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>),            Nightshade, Black (<i>Solanum nigrum</i>),            Nightshade, Deadly (<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>),            Paspalum (<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i>),            Pearlwort (<i>Sagina procumbens</i>),            Prairie Grass (<i>Bromus wildenowii</i>),            Prickly Lettuce (<i>Lactuca serriola</i>),            Rat's Tail Fescue (<i>Vulpia myuros</i>),            Ryegrass (<i>Lolium perenne</i>),            Siratro (<i>Macroptilium atropurpureum</i>),            Sow Thistle (<i>Sonchus spp</i>),            Summer Grass (<i>Digitaria ciliaris</i>),            Willowherb (<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>),            Winter Grass (<i>Poa annua</i>)</p>	<p>2 to 4 L per ha</p> <p>(20 to 40 mL per 100 m<sup>2</sup>)</p>	<p>Apply prior to weed emergence for residual control of up to 4 months in potted plants and 6 months in garden beds under mulch. Use higher rates in situations of high weed pressure or for difficult to control weeds.</p> <p>Apply the product to garden beds and wash in before applying mulch so that the herbicide reaches the soil.</p> <p>Refer to Application section for detailed information.</p> <p>For Garden Beds (under mulch): An addition of a soil penetrant wetting agent is recommended to ensure an even matrix flow through the soil profile.</p>

**NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE, OR IN ANY MANNER, CONTRARY TO THIS LABEL  
UNLESS AUTHORISED UNDER APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION**

#### **WITHHOLDING PERIOD**

**DO NOT graze treated turf/lawn or feed turf/lawn clippings from any treated area to poultry or livestock.**

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Spartan Herbicide contains 480 g/L proflaminate in the form of a suspension concentrate (SC).

#### Turf

Spartan Herbicide is a selective pre-emergent herbicide that provides residual control of weeds in established turf. Spartan Herbicide controls susceptible weeds by interfering with cell division in the root tips of newly germinated weeds.

Spartan Herbicide is safe to use on established turf species listed in the Situation column of the Directions for Use table. In the case of Bahia Grass, Spartan Herbicide will be safe to use on existing turf swards where established Bahia Grass plants can be tolerated or are desirable. Spartan Herbicide will only control newly germinating seed of Bahia Grass after it has been sprayed. Weed control in turf

is most effective when Spartan Herbicide is activated by at least 6 mm of rainfall or irrigation before weed seeds germinate and within 7 days after application.

#### Garden Beds under Mulch and Potted Plants

Spartan Herbicide controls susceptible weeds by preventing growth and development of newly germinated weeds. Weed control is most effective when Spartan Herbicide is activated by at least 3mm of rainfall or irrigation before weed seeds germinate. Weed control in garden beds and potted plants is most effective when Spartan Herbicide is activated by irrigation immediately post-application.

#### **Mixing**

Add the required quantity of Spartan Herbicide directly to a spray tank containing 2/3 of the required spray volume. Add the rest of the water and ensure the mix is thoroughly agitated before application.

#### **Application**

##### Turf

Apply prior to weed emergence in early spring (summer weeds) or late summer to early autumn (Winter Grass, *Poa annua*).

Ensure product placement as close to soil surface as possible. Total application volume should not be lower than 500 L/ha (5 L per 100 m<sup>2</sup>). Use extremely coarse droplets, [Turbo FloodJet (TF5) or TurfJet (TTJ10) or Air Induction 08 nozzles], use strainers with no less than a 50-mesh rating. Wash in with at least 6 mm rain or irrigation within 7 days of application.

Spray nozzles should be uniformly spaced and of the same size and should provide accurate and uniform application. To ensure accuracy, calibrate sprayer at the beginning of the season before use and recalibrate frequently. Apply at a volume of greater than 500 L water/ha (5 L water per 100 m<sup>2</sup>). Observe sprayer nozzles frequently during the spraying operation to ensure that the spray pattern is uniform. Avoid overlapping of spray runs. Ensure that boom height for broadcast application does not exceed 50 cm above the leaf blades of the turf. Avoid application under conditions when uniform coverage cannot be obtained or when spray drift may occur.

##### Garden Beds and Potted Plants

DO NOT apply with aircraft or through any type of irrigation equipment

DO NOT apply over the top of existing mulch

Apply prior to weed emergence. Ensure product placement as close to soil surface as possible. Total application volume should not be lower than 500 L/ha. For best results use extremely coarse droplets eg Air Induction 08 nozzles, use strainers with no less than a 50-mesh rating. When used on garden beds or potted plants wash in immediately with minimum 3 mm rain or irrigation. Consideration must be given to the impacts of foliage and canopy densities on placement of herbicide in the soil. Where canopy densities may pose a problem, use higher total application volumes and higher wash in volumes.

Newly Transplanted Container or Field Nursery Stock:

- Delay application until soil and or potting medium has settled around transplants.
- Irrigate transplants thoroughly before application.
- Apply after cuttings form roots and are established.
- To avoid inhibition of the tissue union, apply before budding/grafting or after buds/grafts have taken.

Landscape (or Ornamental) Plantings:

- Delay applications to newly transplanted ornamentals until soil has settled around transplants.

#### **Compatibility**

As formulations of other manufacturers' products are beyond the control of Turf Culture, and water quality varies with location, all mixtures should be tested prior to mixing commercial quantities.

Spartan Herbicide is compatible with Coliseum Herbicide and Odessa Herbicide.

#### **Clean Up**

To avoid injury to following crops, immediately after spraying, thoroughly remove all traces of Spartan Herbicide from mixing and spray equipment. This can be achieved by using a specialist boom-cleaning product.

**Planting / Replanting & Seeding / Overseeding Intervals (post application)**

DO NOT plant / replant any crop, ornamentals or seed to treated areas for a period of;

Rate Applied of Spartan Herbicide	Interval - Months Before Planting / Replanting & Seeding / Overseeding
1 L / ha (10 mL / 100m <sup>2</sup> )	6 Months
2 L / ha (20 mL / 100m <sup>2</sup> )	7 Months
3 L / ha (30 mL / 100m <sup>2</sup> )	10 Months
4 L / ha (40 mL / 100m <sup>2</sup> )	13 Months

**RESISTANT WEEDS WARNING**

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Spartan Herbicide is a member of the dinitroaniline group of herbicides and has the inhibitor of microtubule assembly mode of action. For weed resistance management this product is a Group 3 herbicide. Some naturally occurring weed biotypes resistant to Spartan Herbicide and other Group 3 herbicides may exist through normal genetic variability in any weed population. The resistant individuals can eventually dominate the weed population if these herbicides are used repeatedly. These resistant weeds will not be controlled by Spartan Herbicide or other Group 3 herbicides. Since the occurrence of resistant weeds is difficult to detect prior to use, Turf Culture accepts no liability for any losses that may result from the failure of Spartan Herbicide to control the resistant weeds. Advice as to strategies and alternative treatments that can be used should be obtained from your local supplier, consultant, local Department of Agriculture, Primary Industries Department or a Turf Culture representative.

**Integrated Pest Management**

The possible effects of Spartan Herbicide on integrated pest management (IPM) strategies in the turf industry have not been studied at the proposed rates. However, based on available information, it cannot be ruled out that Spartan Herbicide may have an adverse effect on non-target beneficial turfgrass invertebrates where such IPM is practised.

**PRECAUTIONS****Re-entry Period**

General Public: DO NOT allow public entry into treated areas until the spray has dried.

Professional Operators: DO NOT allow entry into treated areas until spray has dried. If prior entry is necessary wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing) and chemical resistant gloves. Clothing must be laundered after each day's use.

**PROTECTION OF CROPS, NATIVE AND OTHER NON-TARGET PLANTS**

DO NOT apply or drain or flush equipment on or near native or non-target trees or other plants or on areas where their roots may extend or in locations where the chemical may be washed or moved into contact with their roots.

**PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE, FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND ENVIRONMENT**

Very toxic to aquatic life. DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways with the chemical or used containers.

**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

Store in the closed, original container in a cool, well-ventilated area. DO NOT store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Triple-rinse containers before disposal. Add rinsings to spray tank. DO NOT dispose of undiluted chemicals on site. If recycling, replace cap and return clean containers to recycler or designated collection point. If not recycling, break, crush or puncture and deliver empty packaging to an approved waste management facility. If an approved waste management facility is not available, bury the empty packaging 500 mm below the surface in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose, clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots, in compliance with relevant local, state or territory government regulations. DO NOT burn empty containers or product.

**SAFETY DIRECTIONS**

May irritate the eyes and skin. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. When opening the container, preparing spray and using the prepared spray; wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing) and elbow-length chemical resistant gloves. If applying by high pressure hand

wand, in addition to the above-mentioned PPE, wear cotton overalls, over normal clothing, buttoned to the neck and wrist and a washable hat. If product on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water. Wash hands after use. After each day's use, wash gloves and contaminated clothing.

**FIRST AID INSTRUCTIONS**

First Aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre (*Phone Australia 13 11 26*) or a doctor.

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

For further information refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS), which is available from the supplier or from the manufacturer's website: [www.turfculture.com.au](http://www.turfculture.com.au)

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

The use of Spartan Herbicide being beyond the control of the manufacturer, no warranty expressed or implied is given by Turf Culture regarding its suitability, fitness or efficiency for any purpose for which it is used by the buyer, whether in accordance with the directions or not and Turf Culture accepts with no responsibility for any consequences whatsoever resulting from the use of this product.

In a Transport Emergency Dial 000 Police or Fire Brigade