

Safety Data Sheet

Glyphosate 540K

Section 1: SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION AND SUPPLIER

Product Name:	GLYPHOSATE 540K
Product Code:	7912390 (20 Litres) 7912393 (200 Litres) 7912396 (1000 Litres)
Recommended Use:	Non-selective, non-residual, contact herbicide for the control of grass and broadleaf
Restrictions of Use:	Refer to Section 15
Company Identification:	Ravensdown Limited
Address:	292 Main South Road, Hornby, Christchurch, 8042 PO Box 1049, Christchurch 8011
Customer Centre:	0800 100 123
National Poisons Information Centre:	0800 POISON (0800 764 766)
Emergency Phone Number:	0800 CHEMCALL (0800 243 622) (24hr) (Emergencies Only)
Transport Emergency Phone Number:	111 - tell operator what service is needed: Fire, Ambulance or Police
Date of SDS Preparation	22 September 2025

Section 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

This substance is hazardous according to the EPA Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2020

EPA Approval No:	HSR100587
Pictograms:	
Signal Word:	Warning

GHS Classification and Category	Hazard Code	Hazard Statement
Hazardous to the aquatic environment chronic Cat. 2	H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Prevention Code	Prevention Statement
P273	Avoid release to the environment.

Response Code	Response Statement
P391	Collect spillage.

Storage Code	Storage Statement
None allocated	

Disposal Code	Disposal Statement
P501	Dispose of according to Local Regulations or Authorities

Section 3: COMPOSITION INFORMATION

INGREDIENT	CAS No.	CONTENT
Glyphosate Potassium salt (equivalent to 540g/L Glyphosate)	70901-12-1 (1071-83-6)	66% <i>m/v</i>
Non hazardous materials		To Volume

Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Routes of Exposure:	
If in eyes:	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
If on skin:	Remove contaminated clothing and wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water. If a large area is affected or rash occurs seek medical assistance.
If ingested:	Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If swallowed DO NOT induce vomiting. For advice, contact the National Poisons Centre on 0800 POISON (0800 764 766). Seek medical assistance immediately.
If inhaled:	Remove patient to fresh air. Lay down and keep warm and rested. If breathing is shallow or has stopped ensure airway is clear and apply resuscitation. Seek medical assistance immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	
Symptoms:	
Eyes:	Not applicable.
Skin:	Not applicable.
Ingested:	Not applicable.
Inhaled:	Not applicable.
Chronic:	Not applicable.
Notes to Doctor:	Treat symptomatically.

Section 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Hazard Type	Non-Flammable
Hazards from combustion products	This product or solutions of this product react with galvanised steel or unlined steel containers and tanks, to produce hydrogen gas which may form a highly flammable or explosive gas mixture.
Suitable Extinguishing media	Water fog, foam, carbon dioxide or dry chemical
Precautions for firefighters and special protective clothing	Full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.
HAZCHEM CODE	3Z

Section 6: ACCIDENTIAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Wear appropriate protective clothing as detailed in Section 8. Exclude non-essential people from the area.

Environmental precautions:

Prevent from entering drains, waterways or sewers. If spill does enter waterways contact local authority.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Contain spill and absorb with inert material such as soil, sand or absorbent granules and place in a sealable waste container. Dispose of according to Section 13.

Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling:	Avoid contact with skin, eyes and inhalation of spray mist. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective clothing as detailed in Section 8.
Storage:	Store away from incompatible materials listed in Section 10. Store in original container tightly closed, well-ventilated and in a locked, dry, cool area away from foodstuffs, fertiliser and seed. Do not mix, use or store in galvanized or unlined steel containers. Store in accordance with NZS 8409 Management of Agrichemicals This product is subject to signage and secondary containment when stored in quantities of 1000L or more, either alone or in aggregate with substances of the same hazard classification. More than 1000L require emergency response plans. For full details refer to NZS 8409 Management of Agrichemicals and HSNO Regulations (Emergency Management and Identification Regulations).

Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

WORKPLACE EXPOSURE STANDARDS (provided for guidance only)

Substance	TWA		STEL	
	ppm	mg/m ³	ppm	mg/m ³
No ingredients have exposure limits				

Workplace Exposure Standard – Time Weighted Average (WES-TWA). The time-weighted average exposure standard designed to protect the worker from the effects of long-term exposure. Workplace Exposure Standard – Short-Term Exposure Limit (WESSTEL). The 15-minute average exposure standard. Applies to any 15- Minute period in the working day and is designed to protect the worker against adverse effects of irritation, chronic or irreversible tissue change, or narcosis that may increase the likelihood of accidents. The WES-STEL is not an alternative to the WES-TWA; both the short-term and time-weighted average exposures apply. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices FEB 2025 15TH EDITION.

Engineering Controls:	Handle in well-ventilated area. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below exposure limits. Avoid inhalation of spray mist.
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Personal Protection Equipment:



Eyes:	When opening the container, preparing spray and when contact with concentrate or solution is likely, wear safety goggles.
Skin/Hands:	When opening the container, preparing spray and when contact with concentrate or solution is likely, wear waterproof gloves, cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist, and boots.
Respiratory:	Handle in well-ventilated area.
General:	Do not eat, drink or smoke while using this product. Remove protective clothing and wash hands and face before meals and after work. Wash protective clothing daily after work.

Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Liquid
Colour	Clear blue
Odour	Faint sweet odour
Odour Threshold	Not available
pH	4.0-6.0
Boiling Point	Not available
Melting Point	Not available
Freezing Point	Not available
Flash Point	Not available
Flammability	Non-Flammable
Upper and Lower Explosive Limits	Not available
Vapour Pressure	Not available
Vapour Density	Not available
Specific Gravity	1.38
Water Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition Coefficient:	Not available
Auto-ignition Temperature	Not available
Decomposition Temperature	Not available
Kinematic Viscosity	Not available
Particle Characteristics	Not available
Other information	(SL) Soluble Concentrate

Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability of Substance	When stored appropriately this product should show no significant degradation for 2 years from the date of manufacture.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Not available.
Conditions to Avoid	Corrosive to mild steel, galvanized steel and zinc. Non-corrosive to stainless steel, polyethylene and plastics. Do not mix, store or apply the product or spray solutions in galvanized or unlined steel containers or spray tanks.
Incompatible Materials	Avoid contact with strong acids, alkalis and oxidizing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None known.

Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Effects:

Swallowed	Not applicable. LD ₅₀ (rat) 4050mg/kg for glyphosate (IP salt) Amounts swallowed incidental to normal handling are unlikely to cause injury. Large amounts swallowed may cause injury. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal discomfort, diarrhoea, hypotension and pulmonary oedema.
Dermal	Not applicable. LD ₅₀ (rabbit) >5000mg/kg for glyphosate (IPA salt).
Inhalation	LC ₅₀ (rat) (4hr) >1.3mg/l for glyphosate (IPA salt) No adverse effects are to be expected. When applying this product avoid inhalation of spray mist. Some temporary irritation may be experienced.
Eye	The concentrate may cause eye irritation but permanent damage is not anticipated. Prolonged contact may cause damage.
Skin	The concentrate may cause skin irritation on prolonged contact.

Chronic Effects:

Carcinogenicity	Not applicable.
Reproductive Toxicity	Not applicable.
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Not applicable.
Aspiration	Not applicable.
STOT/SE	Not applicable.
STOT/RE	Not applicable.

Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Product:

Persistence and degradability/Mobility	Low mobility in soil. Glyphosate is strongly adsorbed by the soil. Microbial degradation is the major cause of loss from the soil. Half life average 41 days (16-77 days)
Bioaccumulation	Glyphosate does not bioaccumulate.
Other adverse effects	Avoid unintended release into streams and waterways.

Ecotoxicity:

Acute Toxicity (fish) (glyphosate as IPA salt)

LC₅₀ (rainbow trout) (96hr) 8.2-26mg/l

LC₅₀ (bluegill sunfish) (96hr) 5.8-14mg/l (MCPB)

LC₅₀ (carp) (96hr) 19.7mg/l

Acute Toxicity (daphnia) (glyphosate as IPA salt)

LC₅₀ (48hr) 480mg/l

Toxic to fish and other aquatic organisms

Acute toxicity to birds (glyphosate)

LD₅₀ (bobtail quail) 3850mg/kg

not toxic to birds

Acute toxicity (bees) (glyphosate)

LD₅₀ 100µg/bee

not toxic to bees

Section 13: DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Disposal Method:	Triple rinse container and add rinsate to the spray tank. Dispose of product only by using in accordance with label directions, or through Agrecovery Chemical Recovery Service or alternative approved programs.
Container Disposal:	 Triple rinsed containers containing the Agrecovery logo on the label and that are free of all residues and have an intact legible label may be taken to an Agrecovery collection site for free recycling. Otherwise crush and bury in an approved landfill. Do not burn. Do not use container for any other purpose.
Precautions or methods to avoid:	Do not allow product or empty container to contaminate any waterway.

Section 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

This product is classified as a Dangerous Good for transport in NZ; NZS 5433:2020



Road, Rail, Sea and Air Transport

UN No	3082
Class - Primary	9
Packing Group	III
Proper Shipping Name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (glyphosate 54%)
Marine Pollutant	Yes
Special Provisions	If the product's individual container is below 5L, it can be transported as a non-DG as long as the product packaging is still labelled as per DG requirements and the driver is given safety information in accordance with Chapter 3.4 of the UNRTDG.

Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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HSW (HS) Regulations 2017	Trigger Quantity
Signage Trigger Quantities (Schedule 3)	1000L
Emergency Response Plan (Schedule 5)	1000L
Secondary Containment (Schedule 5)	1000L
Tracking (Schedule 26)	Not required
Certified Handlers	Not required
HSNO Additional Controls (Restrictions of use)	
77A - Environmental Exposure Limits	Variation: An EELwater has been set for glyphosate. The EEL value is 0.37 mg/L.
ACVM Act and Regulations	
See www.foodsafety.govt.nz for registration conditions P10351	

Glossary

EC ₅₀	Median effective concentration.
EEL	Environmental Exposure Limit.
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms.
HSW	Health and Safety at Work.
LC ₅₀	Lethal concentration that will kill 50% of the test organisms inhaling or ingesting it.
LD ₅₀	Lethal dose to kill 50% of test animals/organisms.
LEL	Lower explosive level.
OSHA	American Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
TEL	Tolerable Exposure Limit.
TLV	Threshold Limit Value-an exposure limit set by responsible authority.
UEL	Upper Explosive Level
WES	Workplace Exposure Limit

References:

1. EPA Hazardous Substances (Safety Data Sheets) Notice 2017
2. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices Nov 2017 edition.
3. Assigning a hazardous substance to a HSNO Approval (Aug 2013).
4. Transport of Dangerous goods on land NZS 5433:2012
5. HSW (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017

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