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# Chlorpyrifos reassessment outcomes

The NZ EPA (Environmental Protection Authority) announced on 10 July 2025 the decision to ban the insecticide chlorpyrifos and begin a phase-out. This is in line with decisions taken by regulatory authorities in Europe, USA and Australia.

This means the use of Toppel 500 on farm is prohibited after the disposal deadline of 8 July 2026.

Farmers and growers have until 8 July 2026 to stop using Toppel 500 and dispose of unused product in line with EPA [Notice of Direction](#).

After careful consideration, Ravensdown has decided to stop selling Toppel 500 after 31 December 2025. Most Toppel 500 is applied in spring.

Toppel 500 is just one tool in the box against pests. We encourage customers to consider alternative options that are less toxic and more selective. Talk to your agri manager or agronomist on what would best suit your paddock, crop and use.

If you decide to purchase Toppel 500, only buy what you need and can use before 8 July 2026.

The EPA requires that any unused product must be disposed of by the deadline in line with EPA directives at the owner's expense.

## Affected product:

### Toppel 500

Ravensdown Toppel 500 (EPA approval number HSR000224)

## Key dates:

### 31 December 2025

Ravensdown will stop selling Toppel 500.

### 8 July 2026

Use of Toppel 500 will be prohibited. The substance must be disposed of at the owner's expense.

### Use banned in publicly accessible spaces

Effective 8 July 2025, chlorpyrifos-containing products—including Toppel 500—must not be used in publicly accessible areas such as parks, playgrounds, sports fields, reserves, berms, and roadside vegetation. Products sold after this date must include documentation explaining this restriction.

**You can find out more information on the EPA website.**

