



MERIT® 75 WSP

Insecticide

For foliar and systemic insect control in turfgrass (including sod farms), landscape ornamentals, fruit and nut trees, and interior plantscapes.

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ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

*Imidacloprid, 1-[(6-Chloro-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine.....75%

OTHER INGREDIENTS:25%
100%

EPA Reg. No. 432-1318 EPA Est. No. indicated by the 2nd and 3rd digits of the batch number on this package. (98)=33967-NJ-1 (85)=065387-AR-002

Keep water soluble packets in this container and store in a cool dry place but not below freezing (32° F).

Do Not Remove Packets From Container Except For Immediate Use

**STOP - Read the label before use.
Keep out of reach of children.**

CAUTION

PRECAUCION AL USUARIO: Si usted no puede leer o entender inglés, no use este producto hasta que la etiqueta le haya sido explicada ampliamente. (TO THE USER: If you cannot read or understand English, do not use this product until the label has been fully explained to you.)

For MEDICAL And TRANSPORTATION Emergencies ONLY Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577

For PRODUCT USE Information Call 1-800-331-2867

FIRST AID

IF SWALLOWED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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.
IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Take off contaminated clothing. •Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes. •Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
IF IN EYES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 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.

In case of emergency call toll free the Bayer Environmental Science Emergency Response Telephone No. 1-800-334-7577. Have a product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment.

Note To Physician: No specific antidote is available. Treat the patient symptomatically.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through skin. Causes eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Avoid breathing dust or vapor. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Keep children or pets off treated area until spray is dry.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

WPS USES: Applicators and Other Handlers who handle this product for any use covered by the Worker Protection Standard (40 CFR part 170) – in general, agricultural plant uses e.g., use in sod farms, must wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Chemical resistant gloves made of any waterproof material such as barrier laminate, butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber, natural rubber, polyethylene, polyvinylchloride (PVC) or viton. If you want more options, follow the instructions for category A on an EPA chemical-resistance category selection chart.
- Shoes plus socks

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/ maintaining personal protective equipment, PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

Non-WPS USES: Applicators and other handlers who handle this product for any use NOT covered by the Worker Protection Standard (40 CFR part 170) – in general, only agricultural plant uses are covered by the WPS, must wear:

- Shirt and pants
- Gloves
- Shoes plus socks

Engineering controls statements:

- When handlers use closed systems, enclosed cabs, or aircraft in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240(d)(4-6)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

User should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

This product is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues on blooming crops or weeds. Do not apply this product or allow it to drift to blooming crops or weeds if bees are visiting the treatment area. This chemical demonstrates the properties and characteristics associated with chemicals detected in groundwater. The use of this chemical in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow, may result in groundwater contamination.

Do not formulate this product into other end-use products.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE) and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted-entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

Exception: If the product is applied by drenching, the Worker Protection Standard, under certain circumstances, allows workers to enter the treated area if there will be no contact with anything that has been treated.

PPE required for early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil, or water is:

- Coveralls
- Chemical resistant gloves made of any waterproof material such as barrier laminate, butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber, natural rubber, polyethylene, polyvinylchloride (PVC) or viton.
- Shoes plus socks

NON-AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements in this box apply to uses of this product that are NOT within the scope of the Worker Protection Standard for agricultural pesticides (40 CFR part 170). The WPS applies when this product is used to produce agricultural plants on farms, forests, nurseries, or greenhouses.

Keep children and pets off treated area until dry.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

Pesticide Storage: Store in a cool, dry place and in such a manner as to prevent cross contamination with other pesticides, fertilizers, food, and feed. Store in original container and out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked storage area. Handle and open container in a manner as to prevent spillage. If the container is leaking, invert to prevent leakage. If container is leaking or material spilled for any reason or cause, carefully dam up spilled material to prevent runoff. Refer to Precautionary Statements on label for hazards associated with the handling of this material. Do not walk through spilled material. Absorb spilled material with absorbing type compounds and dispose of as directed for pesticides below. In spill or leak incidents, keep unauthorized people away. You may contact the Bayer Environmental Science Emergency Response Team for decontamination procedures or any other assistance that may be necessary. The Bayer Environmental Science Emergency Response Telephone No. is 1-800-334-7577 or contact Chemtrec at 800-424-9300.

Pesticide Disposal: Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

Container Disposal: Completely empty container into application equipment. Then dispose of empty container in a sanitary landfill, by incineration or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

Application Equipment for Foliar Applications

MERIT 75 WSP Insecticide mixes readily with water and may be used in many types of application equipment. Mix product with the required amount of water and apply as desired dependent upon the selected use pattern.

When making foliar applications on hard to wet foliage such as holly, pine, or ivy, the addition of a spreader/ sticker is recommended. If concentrate or mist type spray equipment is used, an equivalent amount of product should be used on the area sprayed, as would be used in a dilute application.

MIXING: Within each container are clear inner packets containing MERIT 75 WSP Insecticide. The clear inner packet is **water soluble**. Do not allow packets to become wet prior to adding to the spray tank. Do not handle the clear inner packets with wet hands or wet gloves. Rough handling may cause breakage. Reseal container to protect remaining packets.

To prepare the spray mixture, drop the required number of **unopened** clear water soluble packets, as determined under “Recommended Applications”, into the spray tank while filling with water to the desired level. Operate the agitator while mixing. Depending on the water temperature and the degree of agitation, the packets should be completely dissolved within a few minutes from the time they are added to the water. Cooler water temperatures increase the time needed for the inner packet to dissolve completely.

NOTE: Do not use MERIT WSP packets in a tank-mix with products that contain Boron or release free chlorine. The resultant reaction of PVA and boron or free chlorine is a plastic which is not soluble in water or solvents such as diesel oils, kerosene, gasoline or alcohol. Do not attempt to use the WSP packets directly in diesel oils or summer spray type oils as in ULV or LV uses. PVA packets are water soluble not oil soluble. Use of chlorinated water is acceptable.

MERIT 75 WSP Insecticide has been found to be compatible with commonly used fungicides, miticides, liquid fertilizers, and other commonly used insecticides. Check physical compatibility using the correct proportion of products in a small jar test if local experience is unavailable.

Do not apply through any irrigation system.

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS			
CROP	PEST		DOSAGE MERIT 75 WSP
Turfgrasses	Larvae of: Annual bluegrass weevil Asiatic garden beetle Billbug Black turfgrass ataenius	Cutworm (suppression) European chafer European Crane Fly Green June beetle Japanese beetle	Northern masked chafer Oriental beetle <i>Phyllophaga</i> spp. Southern masked chafer
	For optimum control of grubs, billbugs, annual bluegrass weevil, and European crane fly larvae, make application prior to egg hatch of the target pest. Be sure to read “APPLICATION EQUIPMENT” Section of this label.		
	Chinchbug (suppression)	Mole cricket	1.6 oz (1 packet) per 8,250 sq ft
For suppression of chinchbugs, make application prior to hatching of the first instar nymphs. For control of mole crickets make application prior to or during the peak egg hatch period. When adults or large nymphs are present and actively tunneling, MERIT application should be accompanied by a curative insecticide. Follow label instructions for other insecticides when tank-mixing.			
Consult your local State Agricultural Experiment Station, or State Extension Turf Specialists for more specific information regarding timing of application.			
NOTE: For optimum control, irrigation or rainfall should occur within 24 hours after application to move the active ingredient through the thatch. Do not apply more 8.6 oz (0.4 lb of active ingredient) per acre per year. Avoid mowing turf or lawn area until after sufficient irrigation or rainfall has occurred so that uniformity of application will not be affected.			

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS		
For use only in and around industrial and commercial buildings and residential areas		
CROP	PEST	DOSAGE MERIT 75 WSP
Trees Shrubs Evergreens Flowers Foliage plants Groundcovers Interior plantscapes	Adelgids Aphids Japanese beetles Lace bugs Leaf beetles (including elm and viburnum leaf beetles) Leafhoppers (including glassy-winged sharpshooter)	Mealybugs Psyllids Sawfly larvae Thrips (suppression) Whiteflies
Foliar Applications: Start treatments prior to establishment of high pest populations and reapply on an as needed basis.		
	White grub larvae (such as Japanese beetle larvae, Chafers, <i>Phyllophaga</i> spp. Asiatic garden beetle, Oriental beetle)	1.6 oz (1 packet) per 8,250 to 11,000 sq ft
Broadcast Applications: Mix required amount of product in sufficient water to uniformly and accurately cover the area being treated. Do not use less than 2 gallons of water per 1000 sq ft. For optimum control, irrigate thoroughly to incorporate MERIT 75 WSP Insecticide into the upper soil profile. Refer to use directions specific for FLOWERS and GROUNDCOVERS concerning additional use directions.		

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS**Trees, Shrubs, Flowers and Groundcovers**

For use only in and around industrial and commercial buildings, and residential areas and state, national, and private wooded and forested areas to control the insect pests listed below:

Adelgids	Flatheaded borers (including bronze birch borer and alder borer)	Leafhoppers (including glassy-winged sharpshooter)	Royal palm bugs
Aphids	Japanese beetles	Leafminers	Sawfly larvae
Armored scales (suppression)	Lace bugs	Mealybugs	Soft scales
Black vine weevil larvae	Leaf beetles (including elm and viburnum leaf beetles)	Pine tip moth larvae	Thrips (suppression)
Emerald ash borer		Psyllids	White grub larvae
Eucalyptus longhorned borer			Whiteflies

Trees

1.6 oz (1 packet) MERIT 75 WSP
per 24 to 48 inches of cumulative trunk diameter

Soil Injection: GRID SYSTEM: Holes should be spaced on 2.5 foot centers, in a grid pattern, extending to the drip line of the tree. CIRCLE SYSTEM: Apply in holes evenly spaced in circles, (use more than one circle dependent upon the size of the tree) beneath the drip line of the tree extending in from that line. BASAL SYSTEM: Space injection holes evenly around the base of the tree trunk no more than 6 to 12 inches out from the base.

Mix required dosage in sufficient water to inject an equal amount of solution in each hole. Maintain a low pressure and use sufficient solution for distribution of the liquid into the treatment zone. For optimum control, keep the treated area moist for 7 to 10 days. Do not use less than 4 holes per tree.

No Soil Injection Applications Allowed in Nassau or Suffolk Counties of New York.

Soil Drench: Uniformly apply the dosage in no less than 10 gallons of water per 1000 square feet as a drench around the base of the tree, directed to the root zone. Remove plastic or any other barrier that will stop solution from reaching the root zone.

For Control of Specified Borers: Application to trees already heavily infested may not prevent the eventual loss of the trees due to existing pest damage and tree stress.

Shrubs

1.6 oz (1 packet) MERIT 75 WSP
per 24 to 48 ft of cumulative shrub height

Soil Injection: Apply to individual plants using dosage indicated. Mix required dosage in sufficient water to inject an equal amount of solution in each hole. Maintain a low pressure and use sufficient solution for distribution of the liquid into the treatment zone. Keep the treated area moist for 7 to 10 days. Do not use less than 4 holes per shrub.

No Soil Injection Applications Allowed in Nassau or Suffolk Counties of New York.

Soil Drench: Uniformly apply the dosage in no less than 10 gallons of water per 1000 square feet as a drench around the base of the shrub, directed to the root zone. Remove plastic or any other barrier that will stop solution from reaching the root zone.

Flowers and Groundcovers

1.6 oz (1 packet) MERIT 75 WSP
per 8,250 to 11,000 sq ft

Apply as a broadcast treatment and incorporate into the soil before planting or apply after plants are established. If application is made to established plants, optimum control will be attained if area is irrigated thoroughly after application.

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS					
For use only in and around residential areas					
CROP	PEST			RATE PER APPLICATION	
Pome Fruits Apple Crabapple Loquat Mayhaw Pear Pear (oriental) Quince	Aphids (except Woolly apple aphid) Leafhoppers (including glassy-winged sharpshooter)		Leafminer Mealybugs* San Jose Scale*	1.6 oz (1 packet) per 300 gal of water)	2.1 oz per acre ¹
	<p>Apply specified dosage as foliar spray as needed after petal-fall is complete. For control of rosy apple aphid, apply prior to leafrolling caused by the pest. For first generation leafminer control, make first application as soon as petal-fall is complete. Greatest leafminer control will result from the earliest possible application. For second and succeeding generations of leafminer, optimal control is obtained from applications made early in the adult flight against egg and early instar larvae. A second application may be required 10 days later if severe pressure continues or if generations are overlapping. A single application may result in suppression only. MERIT 75 WSP will not control late stage larvae. For San Jose Scale, time applications to the crawler stage. Treat each generation. For late season (preharvest) control of leafhopper species, apply MERIT 75 WSP while most leafhoppers are in the nymphal stage. For optimal control of mealybug, insure good spray coverage of the trunk and scaffolding limbs or other resting sites of the mealybug. Do not apply more than 2.1 ounces per acre in a single application. Do not make more than 5 applications. Allow 10 or more days between applications. Allow at least 7 days between last application and harvest. *Not for use in California for control on pears.</p>				
Pecan*	Yellow pecan aphid Black margined aphid	Pecan leaf phylloxera Pecan spittlebug	Pecan stem phylloxera	1.6 oz (1 packet) per 300 gal of water)	2.1 oz per acre ¹
<p>Make foliar applications as pests begin to build before populations become extreme. Two applications at a 10 to 14 day interval may be required to achieve control. Scout and retreat if needed. Thorough uniform coverage of foliage is necessary for optimal control. Addition of an organosilicone-based spray adjuvant at a rate not to exceed the adjuvant manufacturer's recommended use rate may improve coverage. Do not apply more than a total of 6.3 ounces of MERIT 75 WSP per acre per year. Do not make more than 3 applications. Allow 10 or more days between applications.</p>					
<p>¹ The amount of MERIT 75 WSP required per acre will depend on tree size and volume of foliage present. The rate per acre is based on a standard of 400 gallons of dilute spray solution per acre for large trees. * Use on pecans not permitted in California unless directed by specific supplemental labeling.</p>					

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For use only in and around industrial and commercial buildings and residential areas					
CROP	PEST			RATE PER APPLICATION	
Grapes	Leafhoppers (including glassy-winged sharpshooter)		Mealybugs	1.6 oz (1 packet) per 300 gal of water	1.0 oz per acre
<p>Apply specified dosage as a foliar spray using 200 gallons of water per acre. Do not apply more than a total of 2.0 ounces of MERIT 75 WSP per acre per year. Allow at least 14 days between applications. Applications may be applied up to and including day of harvest.</p>					

RESTRICTIONS

Do not graze treated areas or use clippings from treated areas for feed or forage. Avoid runoff or puddling of irrigation water following application. Keep children and pets off treated area until dry. Avoid application of MERIT 75 WSP Insecticide to areas which are water logged or saturated, or frozen, which will not allow penetration into the root zone of the plant. Do not apply more than 8.6 oz (0.4 lb of active ingredient) per acre per year. Treated areas may be replanted with any crop specified on an imidacloprid label, or with any crop for which a tolerance exists for the active ingredient. For crops not listed on an imidacloprid label, or for crops for which no tolerances for the active ingredient have been established, a 12-month plant-back interval should be observed.

IMPORTANT: READ BEFORE USE

Read the entire Directions for Use, Conditions, Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of liability before using this product.

If terms are not acceptable, return the unopened product container at once. By using this product, user or buyer accepts the following Conditions, Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of Liability.

CONDITIONS: The directions for use of this product are believed to be adequate and must be followed carefully. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risks associated with the use of this product. Crop injury, ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as weather conditions, presence of other materials, or the manner of use or application, all of which are beyond the control of Bayer CropScience LP. All such risks shall be assumed by the user or buyer.

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