

Garden Essentials Sulphate of Potash

Section 1 - Identification of Chemical Product and Company

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Trade Name: Garden Essentials Sulphate of Potash

Product Use: Supplement for gardens

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Section 2 - Hazards Identification

Statement of Hazardous Nature

This product is not classified as hazardous according to the criteria of ASCC.

Not a Dangerous Good according to the Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code.

SUSDP Classification: N/A

ADG Classification: None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good under the ADG Code.

UN Number: None allocated

Emergency Overview

Physical Description & colour: White granular or powdered solid.

Odour: No odour.

Major Health Hazards: no significant risk factors have been found for this product.

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation:

Short term exposure: Dust may be slightly irritative to upper respiratory tract

Long Term exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term inhalation.

Skin Contact:

Short term exposure: This product may irritate skin; however it is unlikely to cause more than minor discomfort such as itchiness or slight skin reddening

Long Term exposure: May cause drying of the skin if exposure is prolonged.

Eye Contact:

Short term exposure: Slightly Irritative by mechanical abrasion if exposed to dust

Long Term or severe exposure: No data for health effects with long term exposure.

Ingestion:

Short term exposure: May be irritating to the throat

Long Term exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term ingestion.

Carcinogen Status:

ASCC: No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by ASCC.

NTP: No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP.

IARC: No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by IARC.

Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	%	TWA (mg/m3)	STEL (mg/m3)
Potassium Sulphate	7778-80-5	pure*	not set	not set

*This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible.

The ASCC TWA exposure value is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The term "peak" is used when the TWA limit, because of the rapid action of the substance, should never be exceeded, even briefly.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

General Information: You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this MSDS with you when you call.

Inhalation: Remove from contaminated area. Clear nasal and respiratory passages by encouraging patient to blow nose to ensure clear breathing passages. Rinse mouth with water. Seek immediate medical attention if irritation exists.

Skin Contact: If product gets on skin, thoroughly wash contacted areas. If irritation occurs or persists, seek medical advice.

Eye Contact: If product comes into contact with eyes, flush with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 15 minutes. In all cases of eye contamination it is a sensible precaution to seek medical advice.

Ingestion: Rinse mouth with water and give some water to drink.

Advice to Doctor: Treat symptomatically, note nature of product

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Fire and Explosion Hazards: There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire.

Decomposition Products: No decomposition products are expected at temperatures normally achieved in a fire

Extinguishing Media: Not Combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

Fire Fighting: If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade.

Flash point: Does not burn.

Upper Flammability Limit: Does not burn.

Lower Flammability Limit: Does not burn.

Autoignition temperature: Not applicable - does not burn.

Flammability Class: Does not burn

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Accidental release: Minor spills do not normally need any special cleanup measures. In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Wear protective clothing including impervious gloves and safety goggles. All skin should be covered. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Refer to product label for specific instructions. Full details regarding disposal of used containers, spillage and unused material may be found on the label. If there is any conflict between this MSDS and the label, instructions on the label prevail. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. This product may be suitable for disposal in land fill.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling: When dusts are generated, check Section 8 of this MSDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

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Storage: Keep away from extreme heat and open flames in a well ventilated, dry space. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment: Respiratory equipment: AS/NZS 1715, Protective Gloves: AS 2161, Industrial Clothing: AS2919, Industrial Eye Protection: AS1336 and AS/NZS 1337, Occupational Protective Footwear: AS/NZS2210.

ASCC Exposure limits **TWA (mg/m³)** **STEL (mg/m³)**

Exposure limits have not been established by ASCC for any of the significant ingredients in this product. There is a blanket limit of 10mg/m³ for dusts or mists when limits have not otherwise been established. The nature of this product makes it unlikely that this level will be approached in normal use. No ADI or NOEL set for any ingredients of this product. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake and NOEL means No-observable-effect-level.

No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems.

Ventilation: No special ventilation requirements are normally necessary for this product. However make sure that the work environment remains clean and that dusts are minimised.

Eye Protection: Protective eyewear is not normally necessary when using this product but is good industrial practice.

Skin Protection: Protective gloves not normally necessary but good industrial practice.

Respirator: Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if in dusty conditions, consult the Australian Standard mentioned above.

Always wash hands before smoking, eating, or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or using.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

Physical Description & colour: White granular or powdered solid

Odour: No odour.

Boiling Point & Vapour Pressure: 1689°C at 100kPa N/A

Freezing/Melting Point: N/A

Melting/softening point: 1067°C

Volatiles: N/A Expected to be low at 100°C.

Flashpoint: N/A does not burn

Specific gravity: 2.662

Water Solubility: 120g/L

pH: No data.

Volatility: No data.

Odour Threshold: No data.

Evaporation Rate: N/A

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity: This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions.

Conditions to Avoid: Avoid contact with foodstuffs, avoid exposure to moisture, extreme heat or flame.

Incompatibilities: No particular incompatibilities

Fire Decomposition: No decomposition products are expected at temperatures normally achieved in a fire

Polymerisation: This product is unlikely to spontaneously polymerise.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

The product contains natural organic material and therefore may contain a variety of living micro-organisms.

Target Organs: There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

No ingredient mentioned in the HSIS Database is present in this product at hazardous concentrations.

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Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Low toxicity to birds, fish, bees and earthworms.

DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways

Contains natural organic materials and therefore may contain a variety of living micro-organisms

Environmental Fate:

Use of this product may result in cadmium residues in excess of the Maximum Permissible Concentration (MPC) in plant and animal products. It may also result in accumulation of these residues in soils.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Disposal: Disposal instructions appear on the product label and should be followed.

Section 14 - Transport Information

ADG Code: This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good. No special transport conditions are necessary unless required by other regulations.

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

AICS: All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with ASCC regulations.

Section 16 - Other Information

This MSDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.

Acronyms:

ADG Code	Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail
AICS	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
ASCC	Office Of The Australian Safety And Compensation Council
CAS number	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
NTP	National Toxicology Program (USA)
R-Phrase	Risk Phrase
SUSDP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs & Poisons
UN Number	United Nations Number

THIS MSDS SUMMARISES OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD INFORMATION OF THE PRODUCT AND HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE AND USE THE PRODUCT IN THE WORKPLACE. EACH USER MUST REVIEW THIS MSDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE.

IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR SUPPLIERS

OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IS SUBJECT TO OUR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS SENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

This MSDS is prepared in accord with the ASCC document "National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets" 2nd Edition [NOHSC:2011(2003)]

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