



## ODA Pesticide Advisory

### **Distribution, Sale, and Use of Dimethyl Tetrachloroterephthalate (DCPA) is Prohibited**

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#### **Alert! Distribution, sale, and use of products containing DCPA is prohibited effective immediately.**

On August 6, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Emergency Order suspending all registrations of pesticides containing DCPA, marketed under the trade name Dacthal. EPA has determined that a suspension order is necessary to prevent an imminent hazard to human health.

Effective immediately, no person may distribute, sell, or use any pesticide containing DCPA. Use of any DCPA product, even if already in your possession, is prohibited.

The only DCPA product registered in Oregon at the time of this Order was:

- Dacthal Flowable Herbicide (EPA Registration No. 5481-487).

Other DCPA products previously registered in Oregon which you may have in your possession are:

- Dacthal W-75 Turf (EPA Reg. No. 5481-491) and
- Dacthal W-75 Herbicide (EPA Reg. No. 5481-490).

Distribution of DCPA products for the sole purpose of returning the products to the registrant is allowed. Please contact your DCPA product's manufacturer for questions regarding product disposal. ODA will send additional details if more information is made available regarding disposal plans.

Background and additional details: In May 2023, EPA released its assessment on the risks of occupational and residential exposure to products containing DCPA. The assessment found health risks associated with DCPA use and application, even when personal protective equipment and engineering controls are used. In April 2024, EPA issued a public warning regarding the health risks to developing fetuses of pregnant individuals exposed to DCPA.

EPA intends to issue a notice of intent to cancel the DCPA products within the next 90 days. However, EPA has determined that continued distribution, sale, and use of DCPA during cancellation proceedings would likely result in unreasonable adverse effects on the environment, including human health. Therefore, EPA has issued the Emergency Order to prevent an imminent hazard to human health.

For more information, please see EPA's [News Release](#) and the [DCPA Emergency Order](#).

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