



FUNGICIDE

Vital®

**A Systemic Fungicide for the Control of Diseases Caused by *Peronospora* spp.,
Phytophthora spp. and *Pythium* spp. on Turf and Ornamentals**

ACTIVE INGREDIENT

Potassium Phosphite* 54.50%

OTHER INGREDIENTS 45.50%

TOTAL 100.00%

* Phosphorous acid equivalent: 34.30% (4.2 pounds per gallon)

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

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 the poison control center or doctor. • Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
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.
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.
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment.	
For chemical spill, leak, fire or exposure, call toll free 1-888-875-1724.	
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL, DO NOT SHIP OR STORE WITH FOODS, FEEDS, DRUGS OR CLOTHING.	
See page 2 of label for additional precautionary statements.	

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS
Hazard to humans and domestic animals
CAUTION

Harmful if swallowed or if absorbed through skin. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- waterproof gloves
- shoes plus socks.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

USER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Users should:

- Remove clothing/PPE immediately after handling this product. 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

For terrestrial uses: Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean highwater mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation. 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.

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 intervals (REI). 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 of 4 hours. Exception: if the product is soil injected or soil incorporated, 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 requirement 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, waterproof gloves, 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 unprotected persons out of treated areas until sprays have dried.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

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

Pesticide Storage: Store in a dry, cool place.

Pesticide Disposal: To avoid wastes, use all material in this container by application according to label directions. If wastes cannot be avoided, offer remaining product to waste disposal facility or pesticide disposal program (often such programs are run by state or local governments or by industry).

Container Disposal: Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Triple rinse (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into the application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container ¼ full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling, if available, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration. Do not burn unless allowed by state and local ordinances.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Vital is a systemic product, which contains potassium phosphite (phosphonate). The phosphonic anion is effective in prevention and control of diseases caused by *Peronospora* spp., *Phytophthora* and *Pythium* spp., by fungicidal activity and activation of the plants' natural

resistance mechanism. Vital is intended for use as part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system. When used in conjunction with good cultural management practices and as part of a complete disease control program, Vital will control downy mildew, *Phytophthora*, *Pythium* spp. and *Xanthomonas campestris*. In order to achieve maximum results in controlling the disease, spraying should be carried out before the appearance of the disease or when disease is first observed. Applications should be initiated when environmental conditions are favorable for disease development.

MIXING AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Apply in sufficient water to ensure thorough coverage. Fill spray tank halfway with clean water. Add the required amount of Vital to the tank as indicated in the table below. While agitating, add the remaining amount of water. Apply solution directly to turfgrass or ornamental foliage, unless directed otherwise in the Directions for Use. For optimum control, thorough coverage is required.

COMPATIBILITY

Vital is believed to be compatible with most commonly used pesticides. Consult specific product labels for additional information. It is always advisable to conduct a tank spray compatibility test when you plan to mix this product with other products. To determine the physical compatibility of this product with other products, use a jar test. Using a quart jar, add the proportionate amounts of the products to approximately 1 quart of water with agitation. Add dry formulations first, then flowables, and then emulsifiable concentrates last. After thorough mixing, allow this mixture to stand for 5 minutes. If the combination remains mixed or can be readily remixed, it is physically compatible. Once compatibility has been proven, use the same procedure for adding products to the spray tank.

Test the tank-mix combinations on a small number of plants before treating large areas, as the sensitivity of plants to these mixtures may vary.

Vital has been evaluated for phytotoxicity on a large variety of plants under various normal field conditions. However, testing all plant species, in all mixtures and combinations is not feasible. Where feasible, test for phytotoxicity a small portion of the area to be treated, prior to treating the entire area.

APPLICATION RATE

Begin spraying when environmental conditions are favorable for the development of disease or as indicated below.

Important: Do not apply on plants when they are under water stress, or during severe weather conditions such as high or very low temperatures.

Do not apply above the recommended rates.

Use Site	Disease	Rate	Application Interval	Remarks
Turf ²	<i>Pythium</i>	3-4 fl oz/1000 sq ft	7-14 days	Use the lower rate program when applications are started early in the season or when tank mixing multiple products under high temperatures (>90°F).
		4-6 fl oz/ 1000 sq ft	14 days	Begin preventative applications when conditions first favor blight. As disease pressure increases, increase the rate of Vital.
	Yellow Tuft	12 fl oz/1000 sq ft	21 days	Repeat at recommended interval. Do not mow or water treated areas until foliage is completely dry.
Bedding Plants FOLIAR APPLICATION	<i>Downy Mildew</i>	4 pints/100 gallons of water	7 days	Plants such as Begonia, Geranium, Impatiens, Marigold, Pansy, Petunia, Phlox, Salvia, Snapdragon, Verbena, Vinca, and Zinnia. Spray to wet.
	<i>Phytophthora</i> <i>Pythium</i> spp.	2-4 pints ¹ /100 gallons of water	14 days	
Conifers in Nurseries DIP at transplanting FOLIAR APPLICATION	<i>Phytophthora</i> <i>Pythium</i> spp.	4 pints/100 gallons of water	14 days	Plants such as Douglas fir, spruce and pines. Thoroughly wet plant and root mass. Spray to wet using not more than 400 gallons per acre.
		2-4 pints ¹ /100 gallons of water		
Ornamentals FOLIAR APPLICATION	<i>Downy Mildew</i>	4 pints/100 gallons of water	7 days	Plants such as Aglaonema, Aphelandra, Azalea, Bougainvillea, Boxwood, Cattelys skinneri, Cissus, Dieffenbachia, Hibiscus, Juniper, Leather Leaf Fern, Pittosporum, Philodendron, Pothos, Rhododendron, Spathiphyllum, and Taxus media, English Ivy, Schefflera athurium, Synogonium fills.
Drench Application	<i>Phytophthora</i> <i>Pythium</i> spp.	0.65 to 1.25 pints ¹ /100 gallons of water per 400 sq ft	30 days	Plants such as Aphelandra, Azalea, Boxwood, Cissus, Dieffenbachia, Japanese Holly, Monterey Pine, Philodendron, Pieris, Pittosporum, Rhododendron, Schefflera, Spathiphyllum, and Taxus media.

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Use Site	Disease	Rate	Application Interval	Remarks
Soil Incorporated	<i>Phytophthora</i>	0.80 to 1.25 pints ¹ per cubic yard of soil mix	30 days	Plants such as Rhododendron, Azalea, or Pieris. Apply immediately prior to potting. Follow this with FOLIAR APPLICATION (ORNAMENTALS) as needed.
Roses FOLIAR APPLICATION	<i>Downy Mildew</i>	4 pints/100 gallons of water	7 days	If field, container, or landscape in conjunction with disease sanitation. Spray to wet using no more than 400 gallons per acre.
Oak ³ TREE INJECTION	<i>Phytophthora Ramorum</i>	Measure the area under the tree canopy. Apply 0.034 fl oz (1 mL) of Vital in 0.68 fl oz (20 mL) water for each 10 square feet of area under the canopy. Divide the total amount needed per tree by the number of syringes or injections to be used.	Not more than one application per year.	Tree Preparation: 1. Carefully remove 2-4 inches of soil from the base of the tree to uncover the top of the root flares. 2. Drill holes through the bark into the sapwood under the root flares. Drill-hole diameter (typically 3/16 - 5/16 inch) must be adequate to allow insertion of syringe or injection tee and formation of airtight contact between active xylem and delivery point of the injection. The key is to deliver the product to the active xylem. Space holes 3-6 inches apart around the base of the tree with a slight downward angle into only healthy tissue. 3. Disinfect the drill bit with Lysol® or 20% Clorox® between trees. Inject only Vital and water.

Notes:

1. Use the higher rate when conditions favor disease development and/or with increased disease pressure.
2. Do not apply to turf under stress or during severe weather conditions, such as very high temperatures. Do not mow or apply water to treated areas until the foliage is completely dry. Do not apply above the recommended rates. Use a shorter spray interval and a higher rate under high disease pressure. When Vital is applied to stressed turf, in combination with several products in the same spray tank, there is a risk of causing tip burn. This tip burn is temporary and usually disappears after 3-5 days. Use the following strategies to mitigate tip burn when using multiple product applications: 1) not mowing immediately before application, 2) spraying early in the day, 3) lightly watering before application, and 4) watering 2-4 hours after production application. Application made during periods of extreme stress (temperature, water or other environmental factors) may cause temporary discoloration. Discoloration is short term and will be removed in 1-4 mowings.
3. Not for use in New York state.

IMPORTANT:

Do not apply to plants when they are under water stress, or during severe weather conditions such as high or very low temperatures.

WARRANTY LIMITATIONS AND DISCLAIMER

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Phoenix Environmental Care warrants that at the time of delivery, the product will conform to its chemical description on the label, that it will pass without objection in the trade under the contract description, that seller will convey good title thereto, and that such product will be delivered free from any lawful security interest, lien or encumbrance.

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