

CHRISTMAS TREE PLANTATIONS - DIRECTED APPLICATIONS

General Information

General Information for Forests and Non-Crop Areas

Use Element 3A specialty herbicide for the control of woody plants and broadleaf weeds in range and pasture, forests and non-crop areas including manufacturing and storage sites, rights-of-way such as electrical power lines, communication lines, pipelines, roadsides, railroads, fence rows, non-irrigation ditch banks, and around farm buildings, and applications to grazed areas, and establishment and maintenance of wildlife openings, and in Christmas tree plantations and aquatic sites.

General Use Precautions and Restrictions

For use in New York State, comply with Section 24(c) Special Local Need labeling for Element 3A, SLN NY-110005.

When applying this product in tank mix combination, follow all applicable use directions, precautions and limitations on each manufacturer's label. Note: If tank mixing with Rodeo herbicide, mix the Element 3A with at least 75% of the total spray volume desired and ensure that Element 3A is well mixed before adding the Rodeo to avoid incompatibility.

Do not apply Element 3A directly to, or otherwise permit it to come into direct contact with, grapes, tobacco, vegetable crops, flowers, or other desirable broadleaf plants. Do not permit spray mists containing Element 3A to drift on to such plants.

It is permissible to treat non-irrigation ditch banks, seasonally dry wetlands (such as flood plains, deltas, marshes, swamps, or bogs), and transitional areas between upland and lowland sites.

Water treated with Element 3A may not be used for irrigation purposes for 120 days after application or until residue levels of Element 3A are determined by laboratory analysis, or other appropriate means of analysis, to be 1 ppb or less.

Seasonal Irrigation Waters: Element 3A may be applied during the offseason to

surface waters that are used for irrigation on a reasonable basis provided that there is a minimum of 120 days between applying Element 3A and the first use of treated water for irrigation purposes, or until residue levels of Element 3A are determined by laboratory analysis, or other appropriate means of analysis, to be 1 ppb or less.

Irrigation Canals/Ditches: Do not apply Element 3A to irrigation canals/ditches unless the 120-day restriction on irrigation water usage can be observed or residue levels of Element 3A are determined by laboratory analysis, or other appropriate means of analysis, to be 1 ppb or less.

- Do not apply to salt water bays or estuaries.
- Do not apply directly to un-impounded rivers or streams.
- Do not apply on ditches or canals currently being used to transport irrigation water or that will be used for irrigation within 4 months following treatment. It is permissible to treat irrigation and non-irrigation ditch banks.
- Do not apply where runoff water may flow onto agricultural land as injury to crops may result.
- When making applications to control unwanted plants on banks or shorelines of moving water sites, minimize overspray to open water.
- The use of a mistblower is not recommended.
- Apply no more than 2 lb ae of triclopyr (2/3 gallon of Element 3A) per acre per growing season on range and pasture sites, including rights-of-way, fence rows or any area where grazing or harvesting is allowed.
- On forestry sites, Element 3A may be used at rates up to 6 lb ae of triclopyr (2 gallons of Element 3A) per acre per year.
- For all terrestrial use sites other than range, pasture, forestry sites, and grazed areas, the maximum application rate is 9 lb ae of triclopyr (3 gallons of Element 3A) per acre per year.

Precautions for Potable Water Intakes for Emerged Aquatic Weed Control

See chart in the label for specific setback distances near functioning potable water intakes. Note: Existing potable water intakes which are no longer in use, such as

those replaced by potable water wells or connections to a municipal water system, are not considered to be functioning potable water intakes. These setback restrictions do not apply to terrestrial applications made adjacent to potable water intakes.

To apply Element 3A around and within the distances noted above from a functioning potable water intake, the intake must be turned off until the triclopyr level in the intake water is determined to be 0.4 parts per million (ppm) or less by laboratory analysis or immunoassay.

- Recreational Use of Water in Treatment Area: There are no restrictions on use of water in the treatment area for recreational purposes, including swimming and fishing.

- Livestock Use of Water from Treatment Area: There are no restrictions on livestock consumption of water from the treatment area.

Application Methods

Use Element 3A at rates of 3/4 to 9 lb ae of triclopyr (1/4 to 3 gallons of Element 3A) per acre to control broadleaf weeds and woody plants. In all cases, use the amount specified in enough water to give uniform and complete coverage of the plants to be controlled. Use only water suitable for spraying. Use an agriculturally labeled non-ionic surfactant for all foliar applications. When using surfactants, follow the use directions and precautions listed on the surfactant manufacturer's label. Use the higher concentrations of surfactant in the spray mixture when applying lower spray volumes per acre. The order of addition to the spray tank is water, spray thickening agent (if used), additional herbicide (if used), and Element 3A. Surfactant should be added to the spray tank last or as recommended on the product label. If combined with emulsifiable concentrate herbicides, moderate continuous adequate agitation is required.

Before using any recommended tank mixtures, read the directions and all use precautions on both labels. Note: If tank mixing with Rodeo herbicide, mix the Element 3A with at least 75% of the total spray volume desired and ensure that Element 3A is well mixed before adding the Rodeo to avoid incompatibility.

For best results, apply when woody plants and weeds are actively growing. When hard to control species such as ash, blackgum, choke cherry, elm, maples, oaks,

pinus, or winged elm are prevalent and during applications made in late summer when the plants are mature and during drought conditions, use the higher rates of Element 3A alone or in combination with Tordon 101 Mixture specialty herbicide. (Tordon 101 Mixture is a restricted use pesticide. See product label.) Tordon 101 Mixture is not registered for use in the states of California and Florida.

When using Element 3A in combination with 2,4-D 3.8 lb amine, like DMA 4 IVM, or low volatile ester herbicides, generally the higher rates should be used for satisfactory brush control.

Use the higher dosage rates when brush approaches an average of 15 feet in height or when the brush covers more than 60% of the area to be treated. If lower rates are used on hard to control species, resprouting may occur the year following treatment.

On sites where easy to control brush species dominate, rates less than those listed may be effective. Consult State or Local Extension personnel for such information.

See Supplemental label for Precautions for Potable Water Intakes for Emerged Aquatic Weed Control

Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

Christmas Tree Plantations

Use Element 3A for the control of woody plants and annual and perennial broadleaf weeds in established Christmas tree plantations. For best results, apply when woody plants and weeds are actively growing. Element 3A does not control weeds which have not emerged at the time of application. If lower rates are used on hard to control woody species, resprouting may occur the year following treatment. Brush over 8 feet tall is difficult to treat efficiently using hand equipment such as backpack or knapsack sprayers. When treating large brush or trees or hard to control species such as ash, blackgum, choke cherry, elm, hazel, madrone, maples, oaks or sweetgum, and for applications made during drought conditions or in late summer when the leaves are mature, use the higher rates of Element 3A or use cut surface application methods. For foliar applications, apply in enough water to give uniform and complete coverage of the plants to be controlled. Applications made under drought conditions may provide less than desirable results.

Use Precautions:

- Do not use on newly seeded grass until well established as indicated by vigorous growth and development of secondary root system and tillering
- Newly seeded turf (alleyways, etc.) should be mowed two or three times before any treatment with Element 3A.
- Do not reseed Christmas tree areas treated with Element 3A for a minimum of three weeks after application.
- Do not use Element 3A if legumes, such as clover, are present and injury cannot be tolerated.

Directed Applications

To control hardwoods such as red maple, sugar maple, striped maple, sweetgum, red and white oaks, ash, alder, birch, aspen, and pin cherry, mix 4 to 20 fl oz of Element 3A in enough water to make 3 gallons of spray mixture. For directed applications, do not exceed 6 lb ae of triclopyr (2 gallons of Element 3A) per acre per year. To improve coverage, add a non-ionic agricultural surfactant to the spray. This spray mixture should be directed onto foliage of competitive hardwoods using knapsack or backpack sprayers with flat fan nozzles or equivalent any time after hardwoods have reached full leaf size, but before autumn coloration (when plants are actively growing). The majority of treated hardwoods should be less than 8 feet in height to ensure adequate spray coverage. Note: To prevent Christmas tree injury, care should be taken to direct spray away from contact with Christmas tree foliage.

Method

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Rates

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Restricted Entry Interval

48 hours

Timings

[Any time after hardwoods have reached full leaf size, but before autumn coloration](#)

(when plants are actively growing).