

# Specimen Label



Dow AgroSciences



## SPECIALTY HERBICIDE

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**For postemergence control of annual and perennial broadleaf weeds in established turfgrass, including residential lawns, golf courses, sports fields, sod farms and commercial turfgrass areas**

**Not for sale, distribution, or use in Nassau or Suffolk Counties of New York State**

Active Ingredient:

florasulam: N-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-8-fluoro-5-methoxy (1,2,4)triazolo(1,5-c)pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide.....	4.84%
Other Ingredients .....	95.16%
Total .....	100.00%

Contains 0.42 lb of active ingredient per gallon.

### Precautionary Statements

#### Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals

EPA Reg. No. 62719-560

## CAUTION

### Harmful If Absorbed Through Skin

**Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, or using tobacco. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.**

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**WPS Uses: Any use covered by the Worker Protection Standard (40 CFR Part 170) – in general, agricultural plant uses are covered-**

**Applicators and other handlers must wear:**

- Chemical-resistant gloves
- Shoes plus socks

**Mixers and loaders must wear:**

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves
- Shoes plus socks

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

### Engineering Controls

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

Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

### First Aid

**If on skin or clothing:** Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 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. You may also contact 1-800-992-5994 day or night, for emergency treatment information.

### Environmental Hazards

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 washwater or rinsate.

**Groundwater Advisory:** This chemical has 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.

### Directions for Use

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

Read all Directions for Use carefully before applying.

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 the label about personal protective equipment, restricted-entry interval, and notification to workers (as applicable). The requirements in this box 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 4 hours.

For early entry into 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, wear:

- Coveralls
- Chemical-resistant gloves
- Shoes plus socks

### Non-Agricultural Use Requirements

The requirements of 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.

**Entry Restrictions for Non-WPS Uses:** 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 original container only. Storage below 14°F will cause the product to freeze. If product freezes, bring to room temperature and agitate before use.

**Pesticide Disposal:** Wastes resulting from the use of this product must be disposed of on site according to label use directions or at an approved waste disposal facility.

**Nonrefillable containers 5 gallons or less:**

**Container Handling:** Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container.

Triple rinse or pressure rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. **Triple rinse** as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container 1/4 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. **Pressure rinse** as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and continue to drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Hold container upside down over application equipment or mix tank or collect rinsate for later use or disposal. Insert pressure rinsing nozzle in the side of the container, and rinse at about 40 psi for at least 30 seconds. Drain for 10 seconds after

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the flow begins to drip. Then offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

### Refillable containers 5 gallons or larger:

**Container Handling:** Refillable container. Refill this container with pesticide only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. Cleaning the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller. To clean the container before final disposal, empty the remaining contents from this container into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container about 10% full with water and, if possible, spray all sides while adding water. If practical, agitate vigorously or recirculate water with the pump for two minutes. Pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system. Repeat this rinsing procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling if available, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

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Triple rinse or pressure rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. **Triple rinse** as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container 1/4 full with water. Replace and tighten closures. Tip container on its side and roll it back and forth, ensuring at least one complete revolution, for 30 seconds. Stand the container on its end and tip it back and forth several times. Turn the container over onto its other end and tip it back and forth several times. Empty the rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Repeat this procedure two more times. **Pressure rinse** as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and continue to drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Hold container upside down over application equipment or mix tank or collect rinsate for later use or disposal. Insert pressure rinsing nozzle in the side of the container, and rinse at about 40 psi for at least 30 seconds. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Then offer for recycling if available, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

## Product Information

Defendor™ specialty herbicide provides postemergence control of annual and perennial broadleaf weeds in established turfgrass, including residential lawns, golf courses, sports fields, sod farms and commercial turfgrass areas. Susceptible weeds emerged at the time of application will be controlled. A minimum spray volume of 20 gallons or more per acre (gpa) and uniform coverage are required for optimum performance. DEFENDOR is rainfast within four hours after application and has soil residual herbicidal activity dependent upon weed species, soil type, soil moisture (rainfall or irrigation after application) and the rate of application.

## Use Precautions and Restrictions

- Do not apply Defendor to golf course putting greens.
- When applying this product in tank mix combinations, follow all applicable use directions, precautions, and limitations on each manufacturer's label.
- For best results, Defendor used alone or in tank mixes should not sit overnight or for prolonged periods without sufficient agitation prior to use. (Also listed under "Mixing Order for Tank Mixes")
- Do not apply Defendor directly to, or otherwise permit Defendor to come into contact with desirable flowers, ornamental shrubs or trees, or other desirable broadleaf plants, as serious injury may occur. Do not permit spray mists containing Defendor to drift onto desirable broadleaf plants.
- Do not allow sprays of Defendor to contact exposed suckers or exposed roots of shallow rooted trees and shrubs or injury may occur.
- To minimize the potential for turfgrass injury, do not make additional applications within four weeks of a previous application.
- Do not use treated clippings for mulch around edible plants.
- Do not apply more than 12 fl oz of Defendor (0.75 pints; 0.039 lb ai florasulam) per acre per annual growing season.
- Use this product strictly in accordance with the drift and runoff precautions on this label in order to minimize off-site exposure.
- Chemigation:** Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.

### Treatment on Turfgrass Species Not Listed on the Label for Defendor

Users who wish to use Defendor on turfgrass species not listed on this label may determine the suitability for use by treating a small area at a

specified rate. Prior to treatment of larger areas, observe the treated area for any sign of herbicidal injury during 30 days of normal growing conditions to determine if the target turfgrass species is tolerant. The user assumes responsibility for any plant damage or other liability resulting from use of Defendor on turfgrass species not listed on this label.

### Use Defendor on the following established turfgrass species:

#### Established Cool Season Turfgrass

Common Name	Scientific Name
bentgrass	<i>Agrostis</i> species
bluegrass, Kentucky	<i>Poa pratensis</i>
fescue, chewing	<i>Festuca rubra</i> var. <i>commutata</i>
fescue, creeping red	<i>Festuca rubra</i>
fescue, sheeps	<i>Festuca ovina</i>
fescue, tall	<i>Festuca arundinaceae</i>
ryegrass, perennial	<i>Lolium perenne</i>

#### Established Warm Season Turfgrass

Common Name	Scientific Name
bahiagrass	<i>Paspalum notatum</i> var. <i>saurae parodi</i>
bermudagrass (common or hybrid)	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>
centipedegrass	<i>Eremochloa ophiuroides</i>
fescue, tall (growing in warm season areas)	<i>Festuca arundinaceae</i>
kikuyugrass	<i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i>
St. Augustinegrass	<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>
zoysiagrass	<i>Zoysia japonica</i>
zoysiagrass	<i>Zoysia tenuifolia</i>

### Spray Drift Management

Avoiding spray drift at the application site is the responsibility of the applicator. The interaction of many equipment- and weather- related factors determine the potential for spray drift. Low humidity and high temperatures increase the evaporation rate of spray droplets and, therefore, the likelihood of increased spray drift. Make applications only when there is little or no hazard from spray drift. The applicator is responsible for considering all of these factors when making the decision to apply this product.

**Avoid all direct or indirect contact with non-target plants.** Do not apply near desirable vegetation. Allow adequate distance between target area and desirable plants to minimize exposure.

**Sensitive Areas:** Only apply the pesticide when the potential for drift to adjacent sensitive areas (e.g., bodies of water, known habitat for threatened or endangered species, non-target plants) is minimal (e.g., when wind is blowing away from the sensitive areas).

## Weeds Controlled or Suppressed

To maximize control of early season spring weeds apply Defendor in the mid to late winter and early spring when weeds are young and just beginning active growth. Weeds growing in the absence of competition from other vegetation generally require repeat applications to obtain satisfactory control or suppression.

Weeds Controlled	
burclover	medic, black
carrot, wild	mustard, wildparsley-piert
Carolina geranium	shepherd's-purse
catchweed (bedstraw)	smartweed, Pennsylvania
cat's ear, common	spotted catsear
chamomile	
chickweed (common)	
chickweed (mouseear)	
clover, hop	
clover, red	
clover, white	
dandelion, common	
dollarweed <sup>1</sup> (pennywort) <sup>1</sup>	
false dandelion	
fleabane	
groundsel, common	
knotweed	

<sup>1</sup>Repeat applications may be necessary. If weed recovery occurs, make a 2<sup>nd</sup> application 4 weeks after the first.

## Mixing Directions

### Defendor - Alone

- Fill spray tank with water equal to 1/2 to 3/4 of the required spray volume.
- Start agitation.
- Add the required amount of Defendor, then finish filling the tank.
- Continue agitation while filling the spray tank to the required volume and during application. Apply mixture immediately after it is prepared. If product is allowed to settle, thoroughly agitate to resuspend the mixture before spraying.

## Defendor – Tank Mix

Defendor may be applied in tank mix combination with other herbicides labeled for use on turfgrass to control additional weeds. Tank mixing or using Defendor with any other product not specifically and expressly authorized by the label shall be the exclusive risk of the user, applicator and/or application advisor. When tank mixing, follow label directions, including application rates, use precautions and limitations on each respective label. Continuous agitation is required for tank mixes.

### Tank Mix Precautions:

- Read carefully and follow all applicable use directions, precautions, and limitations on the respective product labels.
- Do not exceed specified application rates for respective products or maximum allowable application rates for any active ingredient in the tank mix. Do not tank mix with another pesticide product that contains the same active ingredient as this product unless the label of either tank mix partner specifies the maximum dosages that may be used.
- For other products packaged in water soluble packaging, do not tank mix with products containing boron or mix in equipment previously used to apply a product mixture containing boron unless the tank and spray equipment has been adequately cleaned.
- Always perform a (jar) test to ensure the compatibility of products to be used in tank mixture.

**Tank Mix Compatibility Testing:** When tank mixing Defendor with other materials, a jar test using relative proportions of the tank mix ingredients should be conducted prior to mixing ingredients in the spray tank. Use a clear glass quart jar with lid and mix the tank mix ingredients in their relative proportions. Invert the jar containing the mixture several times and observe the mixture for approximately 1/2 hour. If the mixture balls-up, forms flakes, sludges, jels, oily films or layers, or other precipitates, it is not compatible and the tank mix combination should not be used.

Vigorous, continuous agitation during mixing, filling and throughout application is required for all tank mixes.

### Mixing Order for Tank Mixes:

1. Fill the spray tank with water to 3/4 of the required spray volume.
2. Start agitation.
3. Add the correct amount of Defendor and agitate for 2 to 3 minutes.
4. After adding Defendor, add different formulation types in the following order: (1) dry flowables; (2) wettable powders; (3) aqueous suspensions, flowables and liquids. Maintain agitation and add (4) emulsifiable concentrates; (5) solutions; and (6) adjuvants. Allow each product type to completely mix and disperse before adding another.
5. Finish filling the spray tank. Maintain continuous agitation during mixing and throughout application. If product is allowed to settle, thoroughly agitate to resuspend the mixture before spraying. Apply mixture immediately after it is prepared.

If application or agitation must be stopped before the spray tank is empty, the materials may settle to the bottom. Settled materials must be resuspended before spraying is resumed. A sparger agitator is particularly useful for this purpose. Settled material may be more difficult to resuspend than when originally mixed. For best results, Defendor used alone or in tank mixes should not sit overnight or for prolonged periods without sufficient agitation prior to use.

### Clean Out Procedures for Spray Equipment

1. Drain any remaining spray mixture from the application equipment.
2. Hose down the interior surfaces of the tank while filling the tank 1/2 full of water.
3. Add household ammonia at a rate of 1 gallon per 100 gallons of water. Recirculate for 5 minutes and spray out part of this mixture for 5 minutes through the boom. Drain tank.
4. Remove all spray nozzles and screens and clean separately.
5. If spray equipment will be used for pesticide application to trees, shrubs, ornamental plants, or broadleaf crops that may be sensitive to Defendor, repeat steps 1 through 3. This product is highly active at low rates. It is best not to use the same sprayer to treat trees, shrubs, or ornamental plants after use with this product.
6. Thoroughly clean exterior surfaces of spray equipment.

**Note:** Rinsate may be disposed of on site according to label use directions or at an approved waste disposal facility.

## Application Directions

### Adjuvants

When Defendor is applied alone, use a non-ionic surfactant with at least 80% active ingredient at 2 pints per 100 gallons of spray solution (0.25% v/v). When Defendor is applied in combination with emulsifiable concentrate formulations such as 2,4-D ester or MCPA ester, or other herbicides which require use of an adjuvant, additional adjuvant is not required. When an adjuvant is to be used with this product, Dow AgroSciences recommends the use of a Chemical Producers and Distributors Association certified adjuvant.

## Standard Volume Broadcast Application

Apply in a spray volume of 20 gpa or more (0.5 gallons or more per 1000 sq ft). Use a higher application volume when complete and uniform application must be ensured, i.e., when Defendor is tank mixed with foliar fertilizers. If required, spray volume up to 200 gpa may be used.

### Low Volume Application

Apply in a spray volume of 5 to 20 gpa (0.11 to 0.5 gallons per 1000 sq ft). Use low pressure and application equipment capable of delivering a uniform spray droplet. To improve spray coverage, the addition of a nonionic surfactant is suggested (see Adjuvants).

### Spot Treatments and/or Hand-Held Sprayers

Apply spot treatments at rates equivalent to broadcast applications.

**Hand-Held Sprayers:** When treating a small area, apply Defendor with a calibrated sprayer that assures accurate, uniform spray distribution. In general, thoroughly mix Defendor with clean water and applied at 20 to 40 psi in a minimum of 1 gallon of water per 1000 sq ft.

## Application Timing and Rates

Best weed control results are obtained when Defendor is applied to small, actively growing weeds. Extreme growing conditions such as drought or near freezing temperatures prior to, at, or following time of application may reduce weed control. Broadleaf weed species germinate at different times.

Apply Defendor to newly seeded or sprigged turfgrass only after the third mowing or after the turfgrass seedlings have tillered and developed an adequate secondary root system. Reseeding is not recommended for at least four weeks after application.

This product may also be applied to newly established warm season turfgrass. Delay treatments until two to four weeks after sodding, sprigging or plugging.

Apply Defendor to turfgrass at the rate of 4 fl oz per acre (0.25 pints per acre; 0.09 fl oz per 1000 sq ft; 2.7 ml per 1000 sq ft) as a ground broadcast treatment or spot treatment. Calibrate application equipment prior to use according to manufacturer's directions. Avoid skips or overlaps as poor weed control or plant injury may occur.

### Use Restrictions for All Weeds:

- Do not apply more than 0.75 pints of Defendor (0.039 lb ai florasulam) per acre per annual growing season.
- To minimize the potential for turfgrass injury, do not make additional applications within four weeks of a previous application.

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It is impossible to eliminate all risks associated with use of this product. Crop injury, lack of performance, or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as use of the product contrary to label instructions (including conditions noted on the label, such as unfavorable temperatures, soil conditions, etc.), abnormal conditions (such as excessive rainfall, drought, tornadoes, hurricanes), presence of other materials, the manner of application, or other factors, all of which are beyond the control of Dow AgroSciences or the seller. To the extent permitted by law, all such risks shall be assumed by buyer.

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- (2) Replacement of amount of product used.

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## Revisions:

1. Update to trademark line
2. Use Precautions and Restrictions: (a) removed restriction for application to golf course tees; (b) changed restriction to a recommendation for tank mixes not allowed to sit overnight or prolonged periods to providing sufficient agitation prior to use. (Also listed under "Mixing Order for Tank Mixes"); (c) revised mulch restriction from plants to edible plants
3. Established turfgrass species table: Removed "seashore paspalum – *Paspalum vaginatum*"
4. Weeds Controlled or Suppressed: (a) removed the following weeds: buckwheat, wild; cocklebur, common; coffeeweed; common vetch; creeping beggarweed; curly dock; dichondra; dwarf beggarweed; Florida betony; Goldenrod, hawkweed; ivy, ground; lambsquarters; London rocket; lespedeza, common; matchweed; plantain, broadleaf; plantain, buckhorn; purslane, common; ragweed, common; round leaf mallow; sheep sorrel; smartweed; spurwood; Virginia pepperweed; wild violet; woodsorrel, creeping; woodsorrel, yellow; (b) added the following weeds: burclover; carrot, wild; cat's ear, common; chamomile; dandelion, common; dollarweed (pennywort); parsley-piert; smartweed, Pennsylvania; veatch, common; (c) added superscript "2" to the following weeds controlled: dollarweed (pennywort); (d) removed the following from "Weeds Suppressed" table: dandelion, (d) Revised superscript "1" to read, "Repeat applications may be necessary. If weed recovery occurs, make a 2<sup>nd</sup> application 4 weeks after the first."