

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



Ferti-lome® Geranium, Hanging Basket & Pansy Water Soluble Plant Food 20-20-20

In the event of a medical or chemical emergency contact
ChemTel, Inc. North American 1-800-255-3924 or worldwide
Intl. + 01-813-248-0585

Voluntary Purchasing Groups, Inc.
230 FM 87
Bonham, Texas 75418

Effective Date: May 17, 2012

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION:

PRODUCT: Ferti-lome Geranium, Hanging Basket & Pansy Soluble Plant Food 20-20-20

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2. INGREDIENTS:

CHEMICAL COMPONENT	% (TYPICAL)
Total Nitrogen (N)	20%
Available Phosphoric Acid (P205)	20%
Total Potassium	20%

3. PHYSICAL DATA:

BOILING POINT (°F) Does not apply	SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H ₂ O=1) Not determined		VAPOR PRESSURE (mm Hg) Not determined
PERCENT VOLATILE BY VOLUME (%) Not determined	VAPOR DENSITY (AIR=1) Not determined	EVAPORATION RATE (ethyl ether=1) Not determined	
SOLUBILITY IN WATER Appreciable		REACTIVITY IN WATER Will not evolve flammable or toxic gases	
APPEARANCE AND ODOR Blue-green crystals, slight odor			

4. FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA:

FLASH POINT (°F) Does not apply	FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR (% by volume) Lower: Not determined Upper: Not determined	
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA Water, foam, dry chemical or CO2	AUTO IGNITION TEMPERATURE Not determined	
UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS Decomposes upon heating to liberate ammonia and oxygen. Avoid dispersion of dust to reduce potential explosion hazard. Components are oxidizers, which decompose to liberate oxygen, which increases the burning rate of combustible matter. Contact with other combustible materials may result in ignition, violent combustion, or explosion.		
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES Wear pressure-demand, self-contained breathing apparatus, MSHA/NIOSH approved or equivalent, and full protective gear. Avoid inhalation of fumes and dust.		

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5. HEALTH INFORMATION

PRIMARY ROUTES OF EXPOSURE AND TARGET ORGANS Skin contact, inhalation, eye contact and ingestion.		
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE		
(1) ACUTE OVEREXPOSURE Ingestion of large quantities may cause symptoms of non-specific irritation of the gastrointestinal tract; nausea, vomiting, cramps and diarrhea. Eye and skin contact may result in local irritation and burns. Acidic substances may cause burns with discoloration and corrosion of the mucous membranes of the mouth, throat and esophagus, with symptoms of thirst, epigastric pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Inhalation of high concentrations may result in upper respiratory tract irritation, may cause risk of asthmatic attack.		
(2) CHRONIC OVEREXPOSURE Repeated or prolonged eye contact may cause conjunctivitis. Repeated or prolonged inhalation may cause erosion of the teeth, inflammatory and ulcerative changes in the mouth, and possibly jaw necrosis. Repeated skin contact may result in dermatitis.		
MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE Disorders of respiratory system, asthma, dermatitis, or other skin disorders.		
CHEMICAL/COMPONENT LISTED AS CARCINOGEN OR POTENTIAL CARCINOGEN None		
NTP ☐ YES ☒ NO	IARC ☐ YES ☒ NO	OSHA ☐ YES ☒ NO
OTHER EXPOSURE LIMITS TLV (nuisance dusts) = 10 mg/m ³ ; OSHA PEL (nuisance dusts) = 15 mg/m ³		
EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES INGESTION: Do not induce vomiting. Dilute acid immediately by drinking large quantities of water or milk. If vomiting persists, administer fluids repeatedly. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician. EYE CONTACT: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, holding eyelids apart to ensure flushing of the entire surface of the eye and lids with water. Obtain medical attention if irritation persists. Oil or ointments should not be used unless directed by a physician. SKIN CONTACT: Immediately wash skin with soap and plenty of water. INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician.		

6. REACTIVITY DATA:

STABILITY ☐ Unstable ☒ Stable	CONDITIONS TO AVOID Decomposes upon heating.
INCOMPATIBILITY (Materials to Avoid) Strong oxidizers, alkalis, organic agents and other agents. Do not mix compounds.	
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS Ammonia, phosphorous oxides, cyanuric acid, cyanic acid, carbom dioxide, oxide of nitrogen, potassium, and sulfur.	
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION ☐ May Occur ☒ Will Not occur	CONDITIONS TO AVOID Avoid heating or direct exposure to sunlight.

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7. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES:

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS LEAKED OR SPILLED

Keep combustibles away from spilled material. Clean up of spills may require personal protective equipment. See Section 8. Sweep up or vacuum the material and transfer to a sealed, labeled container. Residue may be washed away with water. Comply with all applicable governmental regulations concerning spill reporting, handling and disposal of waste.

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD

Dispose of in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations.

8. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE INFORMATION:

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

NIOSH/MSHA approved for protection against toxic dusts and acid gases.

VENTILATION

Local or general exhaust to maintain exposure below TLV/PEL.

PROTECTIVE GLOVES

PVC or Neoprene

EYE PROTECTION

Splash-proof or dust-resistant safety goggles to prevent eye contact with this substance. Contact lenses should not be worn.

OTHER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT

Aprons, boots, long-sleeved shirt and full length pants (or overalls) may be worn when necessary to prevent skin contact. Eye wash and shower facilities should be available.

9. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING & STORING

Corrosive to cast iron aluminum. Store in dry, cool, ventilated area, out of direct sunlight.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS

Not determined.

10. TRANSPORT INFORMATION:

Not regulated by DOT or IMDG.

11. OTHER INFORMATION:

The information contained within was obtained from authoritative sources and is believed to be accurate for the manner in which the product is intended to be used. Other uses could result in ramifications, which are not included within this document.