

Several chemical agents have been used to limit the development of Fomes annosus infection. Research has shown that Borax prevents establishment and growth of Fomes annosus in cut stumps of conifer tree species not already infected. Borax, a granular, technical chemical, is widely available from distributors of industrial chemicals. It offers a low-cost, convenient, and safe method of limiting losses to Fomes annosus.

Before using Borax for stump treatment control of Fomes annosus infection, contact local State or Federal Forestry or plant pathology specialists to verify most economical and efficient methods and materials for your situation.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Use of Borax for this purpose includes all conifer tree species occurring in the stand being treated. Treatment should be limited to stands, or portions of stands, free of Fomes annosus.

Borax should be applied to stump surface of the cut tree as soon after felling as practicable. For most efficient use, apply immediately after cutting but do not delay treatment more than two days.

Best method of application is to sprinkle material "salt-shaker" style on the freshly cut stump surface. Complete coverage, including exposed side areas and any splinters, is necessary. Also, level rather than sloping stump surfaces is preferred, especially in areas of high rainfall. "Shaker-top" applicators are available in most farm and garden shops in one or two-pound sizes.

Apply only enough Borax to lightly cover stump surface. At proper rates of application, one pound of granular Borax will adequately cover 50 square feet of stump surface; that is, 260 six-inch stumps, 158 eight-inch stumps, 80 ten-inch stumps, or 60 twelve-inch stumps.

Moisture in the exposed wood from freshly cut stumps, dew, or rain, will dissolve the Borax and leach it into the wood.

CAUTION: KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

CAUTION: Use care and caution in handling and applying all pesticides. May be harmful if swallowed. Follow directions and do not over apply, waste or spill. Do not store pesticides with feed or foodstuffs, or where children or animals may have access. Destroy all containers when empty. Multiwall paper containers in which Borax is packed may be burned when empty. Wash hands, face, and clothing after use.

Borax carelessly spilled or applied to cropland or growing plants — including trees and shrubs — may kill or seriously retard plant growth. Do not contaminate any body of water by direct application.

NOTICE

Because of many varying conditions affecting use and application, such as location, seasonal weather, soil composition and type of vegetation, manufacturer warns buyer that these and other conditions may impair or vary the results or effects of this product. In any event, complete elimination of Fomes annosus is not guaranteed. Neither manufacturer nor seller shall be liable in respect to any injury or damage suffered by reason of the use of this product for a purpose not indicated by the label or when used contrary to the directions or instructions hereon nor with respect to breach of any warranty not expressly specified herein. Buyer accepts this material subject to these terms, and assumes all risk of usage and handling except when used or handled in accordance with this label. Neither manufacturer nor seller makes, and their employees, and agents are not permitted to make, any representations or warranties, express or implied by law, not specifically set forth herein.

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