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PREVENTION, PESTICIDES, AND  
TOXIC SUBSTANCES

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Subject: Shepherd™ Fungicide  
EPA Registration Number 69117-3  
Your submission of 10/20/00

The labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, is acceptable provided that you address the following comment:

In the section entitled "DIRECTIONS FOR USE" under "Notes," item number 2, please add the word "Fungicide" after Shepherd™.

Please submit one (1) copy of your final printed labeling before you release the product for shipment.

If you have any questions, please contact Myrta R. Christian at (703) 305-0598.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary L. Waller".

Mary L. Waller  
Product Manager (21)  
Fungicide Branch  
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Enclosure

# SHEPHERD™ FUNGICIDE

## For Systemic Fungicide Suppression of Selected Diseases in Trees

### ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Propiconazole (CAS No. 60207-90-1) ..... 14.3%

**OTHER INGREDIENTS** ..... 85.7%

Total ..... 100.0%

Contains 14 grams (0.5 oz.) active ingredient per 120 ml (4 oz.) bottle

**Keep Out of Reach of Children**  
**WARNING**  
See below for additional precautionary statements.

Net Contents: 4 oz. (120 ml)

**ACCEPTED**  
with **COMMENTS**  
in **EPA Letter Dated:**

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Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for the pesticide registered under EPA Reg. No. 69117-3

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**Arbor Systems, LLC**

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### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

#### Hazards to Humans & Domestic Animals

**WARNING:** Causes substantial but temporary eye injury. Wear goggles or face shield. Causes skin irritation. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Harmful if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin. Avoid breathing vapor. Wear rubber or neoprene gloves when handling this product. Thoroughly wash with soap and water after handling. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

#### First Aid

<b>If in Eyes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>If on Skin or Clothing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take off contaminated clothing.</li> <li>• Immediately rinse skin with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>If Swallowed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediately call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> <li>• Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.</li> <li>• Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor.</li> <li>• Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.</li> </ul>
<b>If Inhaled</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move person to fresh air.</li> <li>• If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.</li> </ul>

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also contact 1-800-698-4641 for emergency medical treatment information.

**Note to Physician:** If ingested, lavage stomach to avoid aspiration. A slurry of activated charcoal in water can be left in the stomach. Give a saline laxative and supportive therapy.

**Environmental Hazards**

This product is toxic to fish. Do not apply directly to water, 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 wash waters.

**Physical or Chemical Hazards**

Do not use or store near heat or open flame.

For assistance, contact ArborSystems at 402-339-4459.

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

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

**Storage and Disposal**

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

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry place away from heat or open flame and in such a manner as to prevent cross contamination with fertilizers, food, feed and other pesticides. Store in original container out of reach of children, preferably in a locked storage area.  
**Disposal:** Do not reuse empty container; wrap and put in trash.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ArborSystems Injection System using the Patented Wedgle™ Tip and Patented WedgeChek™**

The ArborSystems injection system injects pesticides or micronutrients into a tree with minimal wounding. The system will inject chemicals into the area of bark separation where the chemical can be actively transferred to other parts of the tree. Spring through late summer is the ideal time for injection. Injections made during the spring or summer will be more successful than waiting until the fall. Specifically, each tree needs to be inspected. The bark needs to be pliable and that depends upon local weather conditions.

Shepherd™ Fungicide is a systemic fungicide for use as an injection for prevention and treatment of (1) oak wilt (*Ceratocystis fagacearum*) of oak (*Quercus* spp.), (2) Dutch elm disease (*Ceratocystis ulmi*) of elms (*Ulmus* spp.), (3) sycamore anthracnose (*Apiognomonia veneta*), and (4) leaf diseases (i.e., *Venturia inaequalis*, *Gymnosporangium juniperi-virginianae*, *Pucciniastrum goeppertianum*, etc.) of crabapple (*Malus* spp.).

These fungi infect the vascular system and cause plugging throughout the tree. It is recommended that Shepherd™ Fungicide be administered by trained arborists or others trained in injection techniques and in the identification of oak wilt and Dutch elm disease. When possible, Shepherd™ Fungicide should be injected into flare roots to ensure even distribution throughout the vascular system of the tree.

**Important:** Oak trees exhibiting less than 20% crown loss from oak wilt will have the best chance of responding to treatment by Shepherd™ Fungicide. Preventive application is more effective than therapeutic treatment in trees showing disease symptoms. Trees in advanced stages of disease development may not respond to treatment.

Trees exhibiting specific symptoms or symptomless trees immediately adjacent to a diseased tree should be considered infected. Symptomless trees separated by a primary plow line from diseased trees may be at less risk of infection. Do not use on sick plants or plants weakened by extreme environmental conditions such as heat, flooding, cold, etc.

**How to Use the ArborSystems Injection System**

1. Use protective eyewear and rubber or neoprene gloves when handling or installing the ArborSystems injection system.
2. Remove the small tab on top of the bottle and attach the bottle of chemical to the injector gun.
3. Attach the Wedgle™ Tip to the injector gun. Make sure the small hole in the tip is pointing straight up. Set the delivery volume on the syringe to 1 ml.
4. Determine the thickness of the bark. Insert the Wedgle™ Tip into the fissure or valley of the tree. If the tip penetrates more than the length of a WedgeChek™ the injection will be made in the fissure. If the tip penetrates less than the length of a WedgeChek™ the injection will be made through the tight outer bark of the tree.
5. Insert the WedgeChek™ Punch into the tree. Rotate the punch to separate the core from the tree bark and remove the punch from the tree. Squeeze the trigger to remove the bark core and make sure the removed core is as long as the WedgeChek™. Repeat this step while moving around the circumference of the tree. Be sure to follow the label directions on the chemical bottle outsert to determine how many injection sites are needed on any given tree. Usually this is approximately 1 injection for every 3 to 4 inches of circumference.
6. Put the WedgeChek™ on the Wedgle™ Tip, prior to inserting the top into the tree.
7. Using a straight motion insert the Wedgle™ Tip into the tree until it stops against the wood. This will usually be about 1/2" on Elms, shorter on crabapple, oak and sycamore trees. As the tip is pushed into the tree, the Wedgle™ Tip cuts through the WedgeChek™ and the blunt-edged tip automatically stops when it reaches the wood.

8. With a smooth motion, firmly squeeze both handles at the same time. This motion allows the bark to separate and the chemical to be deposited into the area. The WedgeChek™ plugs the hole, allowing the chemical to remain in the tree.
9. Slowly withdraw the tip and repeat this step while moving around the circumference of the tree.
10. Move laterally and make the next injection until the entire tree trunk has been treated. The WedgeCheks™ may be left in the tree and used to inject the tree the following year.

Indications	Dosage	{Illustrations of Injections  Will Appear Here}
Treatment of Oak wilt disease for an uninfected live oak (not including Red Oak).	3-5 ml per injection site spaced every 3-4" around the tree measured at DBH	
Treatment of Dutch elm disease for an uninfected elm or Oak other than live oak.	5-10 ml per injection site spaced every 3-4" around the tree measured at DBH	
Treatment of leaf diseases in crabapple. Do not use fruit from treated trees for food or feed purposes.	1-2 ml per injection site spaced every 3-4" around the tree measured at DBH	
Treatment of Anthracnose in Sycamore.		

**Retreatment**

Record the level of disease in each tree prior to initial Shepherd™ Fungicide injection. Consider preventative applications 12 months after the initial injection. Reevaluate the disease level in all trees, particularly those in high disease risk areas or high-value trees, for possible retreatment 12 months after each treatment and/or on an annual basis.

**Notes**

1. Accurate diagnosis of oak wilt and Dutch elm disease is important, since Shepherd™ Fungicide provides only suppression of the diseases listed on this label.
2. Shepherd™ will be most effective when used in conjunction with other cultural practices recommended for management of oak wilt and Dutch elm disease (removal of dead elm trees, pruning of diseased tree limbs and branches, control of bark beetles, etc.).
3. If difficulty in keeping all of the chemical in per site is encountered, mark this site and move on to the others. When finished moving around to the trees, return to the marked tree and add the required amount of chemical needed.

**Notice of Warranty**

ArborSystems, LLC warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for use under average conditions when used strictly in accordance with the directions on the labeling. ArborSystems, LLC does not make or authorize any agent or representative to make any other warranty, guarantee or representation, express or implied, concerning this product.

For assistance contact

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