

How to use this resource

To make advice on glyphosate as accessible as possible to a wide range of interested parties, all the available information has been assessed and summarised in a series of linked short documents grouped in the form of a “sustainable use toolbox”. Each document provides a link or reference to the more detailed information sources which were used by independent experts in its preparation.

The toolbox is structured to allow users to follow a risk assessment risk/ mitigation approach which is increasingly used in modern EU legislation and environmental management. However it is important to stress that this means that relevant local factors need to be taken into account in using the information in order to develop the most sustainable approach.

The documents comprise:

- Relevant EU legislation impacting glyphosate
 - EU Regulation concerning the Placing of Plant Protection Products on the Market
 - EU Directive on Sustainable Use of Pesticides
 - EU Water Framework Directive
 - EU drinking water legislation
- Properties and mode of action of glyphosate
- Best practice to minimise environmental impact
 - Best practices for general handling of herbicides to minimise risks of point source pollution
 - Weed control on roads and pavements: costs and environmental impact of different options
 - Best practice for chemical weed control on hard surfaces
 - Best practice to minimise risks to water from the agricultural use of glyphosate
- Environmental fate and behaviour of glyphosate and its main metabolite
- Monitoring results for glyphosate and AMPA in surface and groundwater
- Aquatic ecotoxicity of glyphosate and AMPA
- Impact of glyphosate on water supply abstractions
- Sampling, analysis and data reporting

Clicking on each topic in the toolbox overview takes you to the relevant summary document. This in turn allows to you access more detailed supporting information.