

Material Safety Data Sheet



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Section 1. Identification: Black Gold Fertilizer

Product Names:

- Black Gold Alfalfa Meal Fertilizer 3-1-2

Manufacturer/Supplier:

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Product Uses: Fertilizer

Section 2. Hazardous Ingredient & Composition

Component	CAS#	Component	CAS#
Alfalfa Meal	Not Applicable		

Section 3. Physical/Chemical Characteristics

Physical State: Solid
Appearance: Granular, powder or pellets
Color: Tan, brown and gray
Odor: Organic and earthy
pH: Not applicable
Density: 40-60 lbs/cubic foot

Boiling Point: Not applicable
Vapor Pressure: Not applicable
Solubility in Water: Not applicable
Melting point: Not applicable
Evaporation rate: Not applicable
Specific gravity: Not applicable

Section 4. Hazard Identification

Emergency overview: when heated to decomposition this material emits toxic gases of nitrous oxide and ammonia. Irritable to eyes, nose, or mouth.

Potential health effects:

- Inhalation:** In case of inhalation of fumes from overheating or combustion, move to fresh air. If needed, seek medical attention.
- Eye contact** In case of dust or granule in the eyes, flush thoroughly with running water.
- Skin Contact:** Wash thoroughly with soap and water.
- Ingestion:** Give plenty of water to drink and provoke vomiting. If needed, call a doctor.
- Medical Conditions aggravated by Exposure:** Inhalation of dust may aggravate asthma in susceptible individuals. Prolonged skin contact may cause mild skin irritation.

Section 5. First Aid

- Inhalation:** In case of inhalation of fumes from overheating or combustion, move to fresh air. If needed, seek medical attention.
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Section 6. Fire Fighting Measures

- Flashpoint and Method:** Decomposes on heating
- Extinguishing Media:** Dry chemical, water fog, foam, CO₂
- Explosion Hazard:** High airborne dust concentrations have the potential for explosion.
- Fire Fighting Procedures:** Evacuate area. Flood with water to cool containers.
- Fire Fighting Equipment:** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus to fight large fires.
- Hazardous Decomposition Products:** In fire, toxic metal oxides may be produced.
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Section 7. Accidental Release

Sweep up spills. Use good housekeeping practices. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Avoid dusting or misting conditions during cleanup. If material is uncontaminated, collect and reuse as recommended for product. If contaminated, put in appropriate container and dispose. Keep spills away from drinking water supplies. After cleaning up spill, flush area with water.

Section 8. Handling and Storage

Handling: See label. Wash hands with soap and water after handling product

Storage: Store in a cool, dry area away from incompatible materials and heat sources. Store away from feed and foodstuffs, as well as household cleaning products.

Containers: Avoid container breakage; keep away from sparks, flames and excessive heat.

Carcinogenicity: None known

Effects of Exposure: Avoid inhalation or contact with skin, eyes, or clothing.

Ecological Information: Keep out of lakes, streams or ponds.

Other Concerns: Keep out of reach of children and pets.

Section 9. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: Ventilation and personal protection are recommended whenever dust levels are high or product does not remain intact. Running water should be available in case material gets in eyes.

Respiratory Protection: If airborne dust levels are high or product does not remain intact, use a combination of engineering controls, such as ventilation, and personal protection, such as an approved respirator, to reduce exposures to acceptable levels.

Eyes and Face Protection: None required for product use. High airborne dust levels may be irritating and use of chemical goggles is suggested.

Skin: None required for normal use. If prolonged or repeated use irritates skin, use neoprene or PVC gloves.

Other Protective Clothing or Equipment: Normal work clothing

Work/Hygienic Practices: Open wounds should be kept clean and suitably protected.

Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability:	Stable
Hazardous polymerization:	No
Conditions to Avoid:	High heating
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Nitrous oxides, ammonia and toxic metal oxides may be produced
Incompatible Materials:	Strong Alkaline agents.

Section 11. Toxicological Information

Acute and Chronic Toxicity:	No data
Carcinogenicity, Teratogenicity, Mutagenicity, Reproductive Effects:	None known
General Comments	Possible nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, skin or eye irritation. Inhalation of dust may aggravate asthma. Eye contact with product may cause irritation, flush eyes with water as soon as possible.

Section 12. Ecological Information

Persistence and Degradability:	Fertilizer granules are slightly soluble in water and biodegradable.
Aquatic Toxicity:	Large amounts of product released to water systems will be harmful to aquatic plant and animal life.

Section 13. Disposal Consideration

Disposal must be in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations. Uncontaminated product may be reused as fertilizer.

Section 14. Transport Information

Department of Transportation (DOT): Not DOT regulated.

Section 15. Regulatory Information

Contact local authorities for proper disposal of large quantities of unused product.

Section 16. Other Information

These materials are made from natural products and may contain naturally occurring microorganisms. Proper precautions are advised to prevent infection of open wounds, inhalation of excessive amounts of dust and eye irritation. The proper hygiene practices necessary to prevent health hazards from any naturally occurring substance such as soil, bark, etc., should be observed.

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