

(ANTIMICROBIAL SOLUTION)

Water Guard WG 4000 is a peroxyacetic acid-based microbiocide developed for Equipment Sanitizing and Disinfection, and Bacteria, Fungi, Slime and Odor Control in: Fruit and Vegetable Process Water Systems, and Bacteria and Algae Control in Recirculating and Agricultural Systems.

Active Ingredients:

Peroxyacetic Acid.....	15.0%
Hydrogen Peroxide	22.0%
Inert Ingredients:.....	63.0%
TOTAL	100.0%

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Before Using This Product, Please Read This Entire Label Carefully

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
DANGER

FIRST AID

IF IN EYES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
IF SWALLOWED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.• Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.• Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor.• Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take off contaminated clothing.• Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
IF INHALED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move person to fresh air.• If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible.• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
QUESTIONS? 1-209-581-9576	Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment.
NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:	Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS
HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

DANGER CORROSIVE: Do not enter an enclosed area without proper respiratory protection, or when uncoupling of product transfer hoses. Causes irreversible eye damage and skin burns. May be fatal if inhaled or absorbed through skin. Harmful if swallowed. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear goggles, face shield, rubber gloves and protective clothing with long sleeves when handling. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking or using tobacco. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL HAZARDS:
STRONG OXIDIZING AGENT. CORROSIVE. Mix only with potable water below 140°F. Product must be diluted in accordance with label directions prior to use. This product is not combustible; however, at temperatures exceeding 156°F, decomposition occurs releasing oxygen. The oxygen released could initiate combustion.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:

This pesticide is toxic to birds, fish and aquatic invertebrates. Caution must be used when applying indoors because pets may be at risk. Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of the National Pollution Discharge System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product into sewer systems without previously notifying the local sewage plant authority.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.
Note: All volumes given in ounces are fluid ounces.

SANITIZATION

This peroxyacetic acid sanitizer is recommended for use on precleaned surfaces such as equipment, pipelines, tanks, vats, filters, evaporators, pasteurizers, and aseptic equipment in dairies, breweries, wineries, beverage and food processing/packing plants, and egg processing/packing equipment surfaces. This product is effective as a sanitizer when solution is prepared in water of up to 400 ppm hardness as CaCO₃. This product has demonstrated greater than 99.999% reduction of Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli in the AOAC Germicidal and Detergent Sanitizing Action of Disinfectants study. **Sanitizing Food Contact Surfaces:** Sanitize with a concentration of 0.7-3.8 fl. oz. of this product diluted in 10 gallons of water (93-500 ppm active peroxyacetic acid). Use immersion, coarse spray or circulation techniques as appropriate to the equipment. All surfaces must be exposed to sanitizing solution for a period of at least 60 seconds or more if specified by a governing code. Drain thoroughly and allow to air dry. Do not rinse.

Sanitization of Conveyors and Equipment for Meat, Poultry, Seafood, Fruit, Nuts and Vegetables: This product is effective against the gram negative and gram positive organisms Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli. For use in the static or continuous sanitizing, washing or rinsing of conveyors, slicers, saws, and equipment, apply a solution of this product using a recommended 0.7-3.8 fl. oz. per 10 gallons of water (93-500 ppm active peroxyacetic acid). Apply sanitizer solution to the return portion of the conveyor or equipment using coarse spray or similar means of wetting surfaces, so as to prevent puddling. Allow sanitizer to thoroughly wet surface for a minimum 60 seconds contact time. No rinse is needed. **Final Bottle or Container Rinse:** This product may be used as a final sanitizer rinse for returnable and non-returnable bottles or containers at 93-500 ppm active peroxyacetic acid (0.7-3.8 fl. oz. of this product diluted in 10 gallons of water). The container must be drained as much as is practical prior to filling operations.

Combination Disinfection and Cleaning: This product is effective against Staphylococcus aureus and Salmonella enterica at 1.0 oz. per 10 gallons of water (130 ppm active peroxyacetic acid) in hard water (400 ppm as CaCO₃) and 5% organic soil on hard nonporous surfaces. For heavily soiled areas a pre-cleaning step is required. Apply solution with a mop, cloth, sponge, brush, or by soaking, spraying, or immersion so as to wet all surfaces thoroughly. Allow to remain wet for 10 minutes, then remove excess solution and entrapped soil with a clean wet mop, cloth, wet vacuum pickup or by draining. Prepare a fresh solution daily or when it becomes soiled or diluted.

REVERSE OSMOSIS (RO), ULTRA FILTRATION (UF) AND OTHER MEMBRANE CLEANING

This product may be used in the sanitization of ultra filtration (UF) and reverse osmosis (RO) membranes and their associated piping systems. This product is not for use in kidney dialysis equipment. Do not use the intermittent or continuous dosing methods for nano or ultra-filtration food or drinking water applications. This product may not totally eliminate all vegetative microorganisms in RO or NF or UF membranes and their associated piping systems due to their construction or assembly, but can be relied upon to reduce the number of microorganisms to acceptable levels when used as directed. Prior to using this product check with membrane manufacturer to confirm compatibility of membranes with various types or concentration of peroxyacetic acid solutions.

Batch Sanitation of NF, UF and RO Systems: Isolate incompatible equipment, such as carbon filters and ion exchangers. Clean system with an appropriate cleaner and follow with RO permeate water or potable water. Remove mineral deposits if necessary with an acidic cleaner, and rinse as before. Fill entire system with water and add up to 0.5% of this product by volume. This will equal 680 ppm peroxyacetic acid and 1000 ppm hydrogen peroxide. Recirculate the sanitizing solution through the piping and membrane system at 20°C for 10 minutes minimum, or up to 4 hours, depending on the severity of cleaning to be done. Open and close process valves and solenoids to be sure all parts are in contact with the solution. Rinse the system with RO permeate or potable water until residual peroxxygen concentration is below 1 ppm.

Continuous or Intermittent Addition: For continuous addition (dosing) for RO systems, use 2-5 ppm of active peroxyacetic acid, which equals 1.5-3.7 fl. oz. of this product per 1000 gallons of process water. For occasional intermittent feed, do not exceed 93 ppm active peroxyacetic acid, which equals 0.7 fl. oz. of this product per 10 gallons of feed water. Continuous or intermittent dosing of this product is not allowed for use in NF or UF systems for on-line food or drinking water applications. NOTE: This product at its use dilution is compatible with stainless steel and aluminum surfaces. If product is intended to be used on any other surface, it is recommended that you apply product to a smaller test area to determine compatibility before proceeding with its use.

CONTROL OF SLIME FORMING BACTERIA AND BIOFOULING IN ONCE-THROUGH AND RECIRCULATING COOLING WATER (COOLING TOWERS, EVAPORATIVE CONDENSERS, AIR WASHERS) AND ORNAMENTAL OR RECREATIONAL WATER FEATURES

Severely fouled systems must be cleaned before adding this product. This product must be added in the water system directly, and not mixed with any other chemicals or additives. Never add this product into any feeding device, such as shot feeders, filter housings, by-pass feeders, or miscellaneous piping of any kind, because dangerous acute decomposition can occur. Discontinue the use of chlorine or bromine products prior to using this product. Contamination with other chemicals could result in product decomposition. Add this product to only water at a point in the system where uniform mixing and even distribution will occur.

For shock (slug) treatment for moderately to severely fouled systems add 5-20 fl. oz. of this product per 1000 gallons of process water (7-27 ppm peroxyacetic acid). Repeat as necessary until microbiological control is evident. Thereafter, to maintain control use (1.5-7.5 fl. oz.) of this product per 1000 gallons of process water (2-10 ppm of peroxyacetic acid) as a continuous treatment method. Continuous dosing methods usually require 1.5-5 fl. oz. per 1000 gallons of water (2-7 ppm peroxyacetic acid) to achieve adequate results.

Intermittent dosing treatments usually require dose cycles of a minimum once per every other day, up to 6 times per 24 hours. Recommended rates for intermittent dose cycles are 5-10 fl. oz. of this product per 1000 gallons of process water (7-14 ppm peroxyacetic acid).

Air Washers: This product may be used to control bacteria and biofouling in industrial air washing/scrubbing systems. The air washer must have operational and effective mist elimination systems. Prior to use of this product, heavily fouled systems must be pre-cleaned using the appropriate cleaner. Continuous dosing methods will require 2-7 ppm and intermittent dosing methods require 7-14 ppm (as peroxyacetic acid), as described in the previous 2 paragraphs, depending on the type of system and the level of microbiological control desired.

Evaporated or Condensed Water: This product mat be used to treat SWEET or COW water (e.g. condensate of whey) collected from evaporated or condensing water systems in food or dairy plants. Continuous dosing methods will require 2-7 ppm and intermittent dosing methods require 7-14 ppm (as peroxyacetic acid) as described in the previous paragraph, depending on the type of system and the level of microbiological control desired.

TREATMENT OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROCESS WATER SYSTEMS

This product can be used in water or ice that contacts raw or fresh, post-harvest or further processed fruits and vegetables for the control of bacteria and fungi in commercial operations and packinghouses.

Batch, Continuous or Spray System Processes: Fill vessel containing fruits and vegetables with known amount of water. Ensure that water is circulating in vessel if using the submersion method. Add this product to no more than 533 ppm (wt/wt) total product (80 ppm residual peroxyacetic acid) to the use solution. This can be accomplished by initially adding 53.3 grams (47.3 ml.) of this product per 100 liters of water, or 1.0 fl. oz. per 16.4 gallons of water. The fruits and vegetables can be continuously sprayed (using coarse spray) or submerged (dipped) in the resulting solution. Periodic or continuous additions of this product to maintain the required concentration may be added as necessary. It is also recommended to apply this product during the washing, chilling, or physical cleaning processes, including the roller-spreader, washer or brush washer manifold, dip tank, or sorting processes. Contact time of 60 seconds is recommended to ensure efficacy. A potable water rinse is not required.

Fogging: For raw agricultural commodities, commercially-applied fogging methods may be used provided the dilution rates of the resultant solution does not exceed those prescribed in this section (1 fl. oz. per 16.4 gal. of water). A potable water rinse, or subsequent antimicrobial wash using this product as prescribed above is necessary after such use. Conventional corrosion-resistant fogging devices are recommended. Vacate the area of all personnel prior to, during and after fogging until the total peroxide concentration is below 1.0 ppm, or these is no strong odor present, characteristic of acetic acid.

AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL USES

There is a Restricted-Entry-Interval of zero (0) hours after the use of this product. This product must never be mixed or combined with any other pesticide or fertilizer. Upon soil contact this diluted product decomposes rapidly to oxygen, carbon dioxide and water. This product may be harmful to fish if exposed on a continuous basis at concentrations of 1 ppm or more of active peroxyacetic acid. Meter this product into pressurized pipes using a plastic or stainless steel injection/backflow device installed far enough upstream from the equipment to ensure thorough mixing. For open flowing bodies of water, apply this product as far upstream as possible to allow adequate mixing prior to the flow entering any larger body of water. If open pouring of this product is required pour product as close to the surface of the water as possible to reduce odor exposure.

Treatment of Agricultural or Irrigation Water Systems (sand filters, humidification systems, storage tanks, ponds, reservoirs, canals): For the control of sulfides, odor, slime and algae in water systems, apply this product at 2-10 ppm active peroxyacetic acid. This feed rate equals 15-75 fl. oz. per 10,000 gallons of water. Repeat dose as necessary to maintain control, which will vary with seasonal conditions. For prevention of algae, some systems may require continuous low level dosing during warm sunny periods (2-5 ppm peroxyacetic acid).

Drip Irrigation Systems: To clean slime and algae from drip system filters, tapes and emitters, meter this product at the rate of 7.5-15 fl. oz. per 1000 gallons of water (10-20 ppm peroxyacetic acid). When required during normal irrigation cycles, use this product at the recommended dose for a minimum of 30 minutes. After an irrigation cycle do not flush the lines.

Greenhouses: This product can be used to suppress/control algae and slime formations in and around greenhouses. For normal use in various process, irrigation or sprinkler water systems, this product may be used at 1:40,000 to 1:5000 dilutions (4-33 ppm as peroxyacetic acid). Heavily fouled systems, such as evaporative coolers or irrigation/drip lines may need shock doses of up to 100 ppm as peroxyacetic acid (1:1,600 dilution).

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Storage: Never return this product to the original container after it has been removed. Avoid all contaminants, especially dirt, caustic, reducing agents, and metals. Contamination and impurities will reduce shelf life and can induce decomposition. In case of a decomposition, isolate container, spray container with cool water and dilute this product with large volumes of water. Avoid damage to containers. Keep container closed at all times when not in use. Keep container out of direct sunlight. To maintain product quality, store at temperatures below 86°F.

Procedure for Leak or Spill: Stop leak if this can be done without risk. Shut off ignition sources: no flames, smoking, flares, or spark producing tools. Keep combustible and organic materials away. Flush spilled material with large quantities of water. Undiluted material must not enter confined spaces.

Pesticide Disposal: Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal Law. If these wastes cannot be disposed by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance. If material has been spilled, an acceptable method of disposal is to dilute with at least 20 volumes of water followed by discharge into suitable treatment system in accordance with all local, state and Federal environmental laws, rules, regulations, standards, and other requirements. Because acceptable methods of disposal may vary by location, regulatory agencies must be contacted prior to disposal. This product which is to be discarded, must be disposed of as hazardous waste after contacting the appropriate local, state or Federal agency to determine proper procedures.

Container Disposal: Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Clean container promptly after emptying. Offer for recycling, if available. Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container 1/4 full with water. Replace and tighten closures. Tip container on its side and roll it back and forth, ensuring at least one complete revolution, for 30 seconds. Stand the container on its end and tip it back and forth several times. Empty the rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Repeat this procedure two more times.

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