



Methyl Bromide Commodity and Structural Fumigation Buffer Zones

This document contains the buffer zone tables required by methyl bromide fumigant product labels that contain the following directions: “The appropriate treatment buffer zone and aeration buffer zone must be determined using the EPA’s Methyl Bromide Commodity Fumigation Buffer Zone Lookup Tables located at epa.gov/pesticide-registration/mbcommoditybuffer.”

This document is an extension of the product label and contains enforceable directions for use. Refer to the product label for directions on buffer zone management.

Instructions

Step 1: Get buffer zone table

To find the buffer zone table for your application, select a table below using your application’s application rates. If your rate is not listed, round up to the nearest application rate.

Step 2: Determine buffer zone distance

To determine the buffer zone distance for your aeration, use the buffer zone table to select your enclosure size and retention rate. If your enclosure size or retention rate are not listed, round up to the nearest enclosure size or retention rate.

NOTE: The minimum buffer zone distance is 10 feet.

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Table 1: Application Rate: 1 lb.

Buffer Zone Distances (in feet)

Size	Retention Rate (%)									
	100	99	95	90	75	50	25	10	5	1
1000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
2000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
5000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
25000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
50000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
100000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
250000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Round up to the nearest enclosure size and retention rate.

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Table 2: Application Rate: 2 lbs.

Buffer Zone Distances (in feet)

Size	Retention Rate (%)									
	100	99	95	90	75	50	25	10	5	1
1000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
2000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
5000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
25000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
50000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
100000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
250000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Round up to the nearest enclosure size and retention rate.

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Table 3: Application Rate: 3 lbs.

Buffer Zone Distances (in feet)

Size	Retention Rate (%)									
	100	99	95	90	75	50	25	10	5	1
1000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
2000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
5000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
25000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
50000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
100000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
250000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Round up to the nearest enclosure size and retention rate.

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Table 4: Application Rate: 4 lbs.

Buffer Zone Distances (in feet)

Size	Retention Rate (%)									
	100	99	95	90	75	50	25	10	5	1
1000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
2000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
5000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
25000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
50000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
100000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
250000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Round up to the nearest enclosure size and retention rate.

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Table 5: Application Rate: 7.5 or 9 lbs.

Buffer Zone Distances (in feet)

Size	Retention Rate (%)									
	100	99	95	90	75	50	25	10	5	1
1000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
2000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
5000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
25000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
50000	70	65	60	50	10	10	10	10	10	10
100000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
250000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Round up to the nearest enclosure size and retention rate.

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Table 6: Application Rate: 15 lbs.

Buffer Zone Distances (in feet)

Size	Retention Rate (%)									
	100	99	95	90	75	50	25	10	5	1
1000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
2000	15	15	15	15	15	10	10	10	10	10
5000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
25000	50	50	40	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
50000	140	140	130	125	100	30	10	10	10	10
100000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
250000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Round up to the nearest enclosure size and retention rate.