

Rates of activated charcoal used for spills and deactivating turf pesticides.

Application	Recommendation	Comments
Spills	For reducing the effects from spills of organic pesticides, some petroleum products, and hydraulic fluids.	Use 100 to 400 lbs of activated charcoal to every pound of active material spilled per acre (2.3 to 9.2 lbs/1000 ft ²). If the active material has not been diluted with water at the time of spill, apply the charcoal directly as a dry power. If the active material has been diluted with water, apply the activated charcoal in a slurry with a sprinkle can or common sprayer equipment. The charcoal must be incorporated into the contaminated soil, preferably to a depth of 6 inches. With severe spills, some of the contaminated soils may need removal prior to activated charcoal application.
'Deactivating' turf herbicides and soil warming	Turf areas that have been treated with preemergence herbicides can be reseeded earlier than normal by treating with activated charcoal.	Whenever it is desirable to terminate a preemergence herbicide, apply charcoal slurry at a rate of 2 to 4 lbs/1000 sq.ft. Water the slurry into the soil. Make sure the grass is washed free of heavy charcoal deposits. Where possible, it is desirable to rake the charcoal into the soil thoroughly. The area can be seeded 24 hrs after treatment.

Example: Suppose Balan 2.5G was inadvertently applied at 2 pounds of active ingredient per acre to an area to be seeded with a turfgrass. To completely inactivate this herbicide, an application of activated charcoal at 400 pounds per acre (or 9.2 pounds per 1000 square feet) would be needed. See the following table for additional conversions of rates per acre to pounds per 1000 square feet.