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**Section 1: Product Identification**

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Product Type: Gravels, Landscaping Rocks

**Product Name:**

Nurserymen's Preferred® Pea Gravel

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**Section 2: Hazard Identification**

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These products are not likely to be harmful unless dust is created. Very fine dust from these products will contain respirable crystalline silica, which is harmful to breathe. Keep moist; use handling methods to minimize dust.

**Label Elements**

**Hazard Pictogram:**



**Signal Word:** Danger: Crystalline silica may cause cancer when inhaled. Crystalline silica causes damage to lungs through prolonged or repeated exposure from inhaling dust.



This product has been evaluated according to GHS and 29CFR1910.1200, Appendix A. It is categorized as a Health Hazard Carcinogen Category 1A, because it contains crystalline silica (quartz).

**Applicable hazard statements, based on respirable crystalline silica:**

H350: May cause cancer from inhaling dust.

H372: Causes damage to respiratory system (silicosis) through prolonged or repeated exposure to inhaled dust.

**Applicable Precautionary Statements:**

P201: Obtain special instructions before use.

P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P260: Do not breathe dusts

P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P280: Wear eye protection

P308+313/314. If exposed or concerns, or if you feel unwell: Get medical advice

P501: Dispose of contents in accord with local regulations



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**Section 3: Hazardous Ingredients/Composition**

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Ingredient	Typical Percentage	CAS #
These products contain granite, quartz, or river rock (typically sedimentary rock). Their exact composition varies naturally.		
Crystalline silica (quartz) .....	varies	14808-60-7

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**Section 4: First Aid Measures**

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**Inhalation:**

Typically not an inhalation hazard unless material is broken up and dust is created. If any irritation develops, move to fresh air.

**Eye contact:**

Hold eyelids apart and flush eyes with plenty of water. At least fifteen minutes of flushing is recommended. If any irritation persists, get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**

Wash with soap and water.

**Ingestion:**

Check with the Poison Control Center or a doctor. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.

**Symptoms of overexposure:**

Inhalation: No symptoms likely from normal use. If material is dusty, breathing the dust may cause coughing and nose and throat irritation. Long term exposure to respirable crystalline silica in the dust can cause silicosis (lung scarring) and lung cancer.

Eye contact: Eye abrasion and irritation may develop from direct contact.

Skin Contact: May cause abrasion of skin.

**Note to physician:** Treat according to symptoms. No known specific antidote.

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**Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures**

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**Fire extinguishing media:** Appropriate for surrounding materials. Product is not flammable.

**Special fire fighting procedures:** none

**Unusual fire and explosion hazards:** None

**Hazardous combustion products:** None expected.

**Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

Contain and clean up. Avoid creating dust. Clean area with water.

**Section 7: Handling and Storage**

Avoid breathing dust from the rock.  
Wash hands after use.  
Do not eat, drink, or use tobacco products when handling any chemical products.

**Storage:** No special precautions required.

**Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

**Occupational Exposure Limits:**

	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	NIOSH REL
Crystalline silica (quartz)	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (8-hr TWA)	25 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable)	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable)
Rock dust	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total) 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable) as particles not otherwise classified	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (inhalable, as particles -insoluble or poorly soluble not otherwise specified)	None established

**Engineering Controls:**

Avoid creating dust. Water can be used as a dust suppressant if necessary

**Personal protective equipment**

**Respiratory protection:** Not needed unless dust is created.

For protection against irritation from dust or up to ten times the recommended exposure limits, use a NIOSH-approved N-95 filtering facepiece or a half mask respirator equipped with N-95 filters. A more protective respirator (e.g., P100 filters or full face respirator) may be substituted.

**Skin protection:** Sturdy work gloves recommended to protect hands from abrasion.

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses with side shields recommended if material could become airborne.

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Appearance and odor:** Gravel or rock of varying colors and sizes (pea-sized and larger). No odor

**Flash point:** Noncombustible.

**Flammable limits:** N/A

**Melting Point:** >3000°F

**Solubility in water:** Negligible.

**Specific Gravity:** 2.5 – 2.8  
**Evaporation Rate:** Does not evaporate.

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### **Section 10: Stability and Reactivity**

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**Stability:** stable

**Conditions to avoid:** none known.

**Incompatibility:** strong oxidizers, strong acids. Silica will dissolve in hydrofluoric acid to produce silicon tetrafluoride, a corrosive gas.

**Hazardous polymerization:** will not occur

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Material is not likely to decompose. Abrasion can create silica-containing respirable dusts.

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### **Section 11: Toxicological Information**

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Not considered acutely toxic.

No listed ingredients are classified as irritants, per skin or eye irritation criteria of GHS

Not considered respiratory or skin sensitizer

No ingredients have been associated with reproductive toxicity

Respirable crystalline silica is categorized as a Health Hazard Carcinogen Category 1A (known to have carcinogenic potential for humans) and a Health Hazard Specific Target Organ Toxicity – Repeated Exposure Category 1. Respirable crystalline silica (quartz) can cause silicosis, a fibrosis (scarring) of the lungs. There is evidence that exposure to respirable silica or the disease silicosis is associated with an increased incidence of scleroderma, tuberculosis and kidney disorders.

Crystalline silica is listed as carcinogenic according to IARC. ACGIH classified crystalline silica as a suspected human carcinogen

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### **Section 12: Ecological Information**

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Product has not been tested but is expected to have very low acute toxicity.

**Ecotoxicity:** .

Not considered hazardous to the aquatic environment or to the ozone layer.

**Persistence and degradability:** Not likely to biodegrade

**Mobility in soil:** not mobile.

**Bioaccumulation:** Not likely to bioaccumulate

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**Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

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As provided, not a RCRA-regulated waste.  
Dispose of in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

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**Section 14: Transportation**

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Not a DOT-regulated hazardous material. Not classified as dangerous goods for DOT, IATA, IMDG, TDG

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**Section 15: Regulatory Information**

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**U.S. State Regulations**

The state of California requires the following statement (Proposition 65) in regards to this material:



**WARNING:** Cancer - [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov)

This product is on the New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substance List.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants, nor any chemicals specifically regulated under:

CERCLA	SARA 302 EHS
SARA 311/312	SARA 313

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**Section 16: Other Information**

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Additional information on the product is available at. [www.tccmaterials.com](http://www.tccmaterials.com)

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