



PesticideSmart News: The Buzz on Pollinator Bills, Best Organics, Bees, & Better Living April 2017 Newsletter

Greetings!

We are in the last days of the 2017 Maryland General Assembly, and we hope you have been following our updates and action alerts about the pollinator habitat bills (SB386 and HB830). Your e-mails and calls to legislators make a BIG impact on how bills progress. Thank you!

Please stay tuned for *one more action* on the Pollinator Habitat bill to help ensure that pollinator habitats planted on state land will be free of bee-killing pesticides.

As always, we have all the breaking news, research and tips "fit to print," including a UN report denouncing the myth that pesticides are necessary to feed the world, tips for starting a beehive in your own backyard, and what raw foods to avoid. We would especially like to draw your attention to our *Vote With Your Wallet & Fork - Go Organic!* campaign tips, which we hope you will find beneficial.

Please let us know what you're most interested in, so we can make sure we are meeting your needs. [Send us an e-mail](#) and say hello!

We appreciate your feedback on our monthly newsletter!: info@mdpestnet.org

Take Action - Go Organic!



When you purchase organic products - from the food we eat to our sheets, mattresses, cosmetic and cleaning products to our lawn care - you are casting a vote with your wallet for your family's health and the future of our babies, bees and the Bay. Organic soil also sequesters carbon and helps us address climate change. **If you make a decision to add a new organic product to your life- we would like to know! Write us at info@mdpestnet.org.** With your permission, we will add your comment to our newsletter.

A group of European researchers have concluded that **organic food production has several benefits for human health.** [Read more.](#)



The Washington Post reports that, **while the food industry won't be ditching pesticides any time soon, we easily can.** [Read more.](#)

Want to know **which fruits and veggies have the most amounts of pesticide residue, and which have the least?** [Read more.](#)

Your latex mattress may be hurting your ability to get a good night's sleep. Organic Life has tips for buying an organic mattress. [Read more.](#)



Organic milk from grass-fed animals has been proven to be nutritionally superior to non-organic milk. [Read more.](#)

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Bee Buzz

Thanks for supporting pollinator protection in Maryland! This year, we've been pushing the Maryland General Assembly to require that state agencies with pollinator habitats be free of toxic pesticides known to harm pollinators. [Read more.](#)





The Rusty Patched Bumble Bee became **the first bee in the continental United States to be put on the Endangered Species List.** [Read more.](#)

Want to start a hive in your backyard? Here's what you should know about organic beekeeping before you start. [Read more.](#)



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Trump and Pruitt, rejecting the EPA's own analysis, **refuse to ban a toxic pesticide that causes brain damage in children.** [Read more.](#)

UN experts denounce the "myth" that pesticides are necessary to feed the world. This major report accuses manufacturers of "systematic denial of harms" and details the potentially catastrophic impacts. [Read more.](#)



A new documentary investigates **the connection between golf and cancer** (hint: it's pesticides). [Read more.](#)

Pyrethroid insecticides - which can be found in head lice and scabies treatment products - have been **linked to abnormal behavior in children.** [Read more.](#)



Tips for Healthy Living



How to **fight invasive plants** with...other plants. [Read more.](#)

What foods you should never eat raw? [Read more.](#)



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