



PesticideSmart News

April 2018 Newsletter

Greetings,

Happy spring, everyone! It's a time of revitalization. While this month's *News and Views* provides disconcerting updates, the good news is that there are *revitalizing actions* we can take to avoid toxic pesticide exposures in our daily lives for making our collective voices heard. As exemplified by the recent *March for Our Lives* across the country on the need for gun control – there is power in our collective efforts. This month, revitalize with our recommendations on expanding your organic lifestyle – from home goods and garden supplies to clean green skincare. Voting with your wallet and fork makes an impact on the industry due to consumer demand. As spring is also a time of repair, help by taking action both on the local and federal level.

TAKE ACTION



- **Help ban chlorpyrifos in MD:** Live near or on a golf course? Let us know which one at info@mdpestnet.org. Help us determine if you and your family are being exposed to chlorpyrifos. US EPA had planned to ban this brain-harming pesticide, until the current EPA administrator terminated that plan. (See the Baltimore Sun editorial in *News and Views*). Let's work together to get a MD chlorpyrifos ban bill passed in 2019.

National



-**Stand with farmers against the Monsanto/Bayer merger.** Tell Department of Justice officials to stop this mega-merger that's bad for farming and our food supply [here](#).



- **Tell your Senators: Don't put a Dow/DuPont lawyer in charge of cleaning up Dow's toxic waste dumps!** [Read more.](#)

Want to volunteer? Email info@mdpestnet.org



- **Under the Canopy has sustainable, affordable home goods (bed, bath & baby products),** check them out [here](#).



- It's almost Spring! **Take a look at Arbico Organics for your garden needs** – from beneficial insects, fertilizers, pest and weed management products, supplies and more – [here](#).



- **Looking for Organic Skin Care Brands that have been reviewed for 2018?** [Check here](#).

For information on other organic products, organic food on a budget, books, reports and fact sheets and interesting profiles on people and businesses leading the way on organic lifestyle products and food, [visit the Go Organic website](#).

OTHER NEWS & VIEWS



- **Baltimore Sun 3.19.18 editorial: Maryland lawmakers go buggy over lanternflies:** "...A lot of insecticides can kill the spotted lanternfly that carry less risk... Could it be that the real threat lawmakers are worried about is the loss of campaign donations from those associated with the chemical's manufacturer DowAgroSciences or the customers who rely on it?" [Read more](#).



- Baltimore Sun 3.16.18 Letter to the Editor: Don't use lanternfly as an excuse to permit dangerous pesticide.

"Former American Academy of Pediatrics President Dr. Fernando Stein said that chlorpyrifos is 'unambiguously dangerous and should be banned from use.'... There is simply no justification for this dangerous pesticide to be used in Maryland or elsewhere." [Read more.](#)



- Glyphosate residues discovered in almond milk, bread and veggie burgers. [Read more.](#)



- New study links glyphosate to shortened pregnancy lengths in American women. [Read more.](#)



- New research links bee-killing neonicotinoid pesticides to breast cancer and harm to fetuses. [Read more.](#)

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POLLINATOR/BEE BUZZ



- **Catastrophe: France's bird population collapses due to pesticides.** Dozens of species have seen their numbers decline, in some cases by two-thirds, because insects they feed on have disappeared. [Read more.](#)



- **Pollinator-friendly seeds and nursery directory:** Growing plants to protect butterflies, birds and other pollinators. [Read more.](#)

TIPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING



- **Planning a sustainable wedding:** When Fair Farms founder, Betsy Nicholas, began planning her wedding, she committed to supporting local and sustainable farms and businesses and to not create excess waste that ended up in a landfill. [Read more.](#)



- **Six sustainable products for starting your Spring seeds.** [Read more.](#)

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