



PesticideSmart News

December 2017 Newsletter

Greetings,

We wish you all a healthy, nourishing, happy and peaceful holiday season!

We invite you to join us in launching our *Vote with Your Fork, Vote with Your Choices, Go Organic!* Campaign this month by **enjoying the holidays with pesticide-free holiday options** - from Christmas trees, holiday plants, home and garden gifts to foods and clothing. By making healthy choices during this holiday season – and all year round- we also vote with our wallets by supporting an increase in industry demand for organic, pesticide-free, products and services.

We are setting up a special site to provide you with a range of options for purchasing pesticide-free products and services. Look for the link in our January newsletter. But in the meantime... **help us launch this important campaign by making at least two additional organic purchasing choices than you ordinarily make and let us know what they are at info@mdpestnet.org.** We welcome your letting us know!

The following Holiday Shopping Tips are just a small sampling of the organic products available online:

VOTE WITH YOUR FORK, VOTE WITH YOUR CHOICES - GO ORGANIC!

YOUR HOLIDAY TURKEY: Want a fresh, pasture-raised organic turkey for the holidays? A turkey raised ethically and humanely? Uncontaminated with drug residues, and not fed GMO feed? **Organic Consumers has a buyer's guide [here](#).**





FOR MEATLESS/VEGAN HOLIDAY MEAL IDEAS click [here](#).

SPECIAL HOLIDAY MEALS: Egnog? Roasted chestnuts? Cranberries? Pumpkin or Pecan pie? Potatoes for latkes? They can all be purchased organic. Reminder- organic means no GMOs along with pesticide-free.

Check out your local markets known to carry healthy, organic food and products including MOMs Organic Markets, David's Natural Food Markets & Common Market Co-Op in Frederick, MD. Also local farm stands, CSAs, and farmers markets give access to some of the freshest and healthiest pesticide-free food, while providing an opportunity to directly support the people who produce it. [This Cornucopia handy DIY certification guide](#) helps market patrons ask farmers the kinds of insightful questions to ensure you are rewarding the most ethical farmers who care for their animals and the land, while bringing home the healthiest food for your family.

ORGANIC CHRISTMAS TREES - Cut your own organic Christmas tree right here in Maryland:

[Feezers Farm](#) in Marriottsville sells organic Douglas fir, white pine and Colorado blue spruce.

You can pick up your tree order (5 available varieties) in Tacoma Park from [Licking Creek Bend Farm](#).



FOR ORGANIC FLOWER BOUQUETS check out Organic Bouquet [here](#).

FOR ORGANIC FOOD GIFT BASKETS (fruit, nuts, specialty foods) check out America's Best Organics [here](#).

HOME, BATH, & GARDEN

[The Ultimate Green Store](#) carries an extensive array of **organic and eco-friendly gifts** for the home, garden, and bath, as well as clothing.

[Natural Home](#) offers **organic bath and body gifts**.



Mother Earth Living provides a [buyer's guide](#) for **organic kitchen and bath linens**.

For **organic essential oils**, check out [Organixx](#).

AND SPEAKING OF ORGANIC...

A growing number of young Americans are leaving desk jobs to farm. A growing movement of highly educated, ex-urban, first-time farmers are capitalizing on booming consumer demand for local & sustainable foods. [Read more.](#)

How Organic Farming Could Save The World From Global Warming: The keys to fighting climate change are right under our feet. [Read more.](#)



Help Maryland Pesticide Education Network (MPEN) close a funding shortfall for our 2018 campaign to protecting our babies, bees and the Bay.

Please [DONATE NOW](#) to us, through Newman's Own Foundation's Holiday Challenge! Your donation through the Holiday Challenge can help MPEN win additional cash awards from Newman's Own Foundation—making your donation count for even more!

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NEWS, VIEWS, & RESEARCH



Trump wants 2-year delay in assessments of several highly toxic pesticides known to harm the vast majority of the nearly 1,800 animals and plants protected under the Endangered Species Act, according to an extensive federal study. These neurotoxic pesticides are also confirmed to be harmful to human health. [Read more.](#)

Los Angeles Times Editorial Board: Goodbye science, hello industry. The current administration converting the EPA into a science-be-damned rubber stamp for industry. And if successful, we will be living in a much more dangerous environment. [Read more.](#)

Do Pesticides Get Into the Flesh of Fruits and Vegetables? [Read more.](#)



POLLINATOR/BEE BUZZ



Pesticides may cause bumblebees to lose their buzz. [Read more.](#)

UK will back total ban on bee-harming pesticides. Research leads UK to overturn government's previous opposition, making a total EU ban much more likely. [Read more.](#)

On life support: Research shows common pesticides (neonicotinoids and organophosphates) starve and disorient birds.

[Read more.](#)



Please help us continue to protect our Babies, Bees and the Bay.

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