



PesticideSmart News

February 2018 Newsletter

Greetings!

The Maryland General Assembly is in session – and we need your help.

A number of Maryland House and Senate legislators are taking the lead on banning the use of a pesticide that is harming children’s brains. After 20 years of ongoing review of the pesticide chlorpyrifos, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), scientists recommended that the EPA ban chlorpyrifos, which was found to be unsafe at any minimally detectable level and shown to cause ADHD, cognitive and developmental delays, autism, memory issues and more. In 2017, current EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt refused to allow the planned ban to go through, claiming that four more years of review are needed to assess the validity of the science (after 20 years of research).

The President of the American Academy of Pediatrics stated, “This chemical [chlorpyrifos] is unambiguously dangerous and should be banned from use. We urge the E.P.A. to reverse its decision and protect child health.” (New York Times; 11/1/2017)

Read more about this bill [HERE](#).

Help us support our legislators who are striving to ban this dangerous pesticide! Sign Up [HERE](#) for action alerts to support HB116 & SB500: Pesticides- Use of Chlorpyrifos – Prohibition.





- **Protecting Children's Health** is a comprehensive Cornucopia report for parents and caregivers that **identifies the risks of conventionally grown foods and what parents can do to reduce their children's exposure.** [Read more.](#)



- **Looking for the best organic milk and dairy products on the market?** [Check out this extensive dairy products survey.](#)



- **This clothing guide** provides great information on **fabrics that are eco-friendly, those to purchase with caution and fabrics to avoid**, as well as third-party certifications to help identify how companies care for workers and the environment. [Read more.](#)



-The Bay Journal asks: **Is organic farming good for the Chesapeake?** [Read more.](#)

POLLINATOR/BEE BUZZ



- **Honey bees attracted to toxic pesticide glyphosate and a common fungicide.** [Read more.](#)

- While honeybees are most commonly discussed pollinator endangered by pesticides, **a wide range of pollinators - including 4000 types of bees, butterflies, bats and birds — are impacted by agricultural chemicals.** [Read more.](#)

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OTHER NEWS & VIEWS



-New data released from FDA shows rise in **pesticide residues detected in thousands of samples of commonly consumed foods.** [Read more.](#)

- **Trump's EPA could allow teenagers to handle dangerous pesticides.** [Read more.](#)



- Leading scientific journal warns **we are all heavily contaminated - with pesticides, endocrine disruptors & other chemicals - and chemical regulation is failing us.** [Read more.](#)

TIPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING



- **The five best antibiotic herbs:** oregano, thyme, ginger, garlic and chamomile fight bacteria and combat infections naturally. [Read more.](#)

-**Eight ways to reduce your exposure to hormone-disrupting chemicals.** [Read more.](#)

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