



PesticideSmart News

July 2018 Newsletter

Greetings!

Great news from Hawaii! The state of Hawaii has passed the first-in-the-nation law (SB 3095) banning all uses of chlorpyrifos, the neurotoxic pesticide found in food, air and drinking water confirmed to harm children's brains by the US EPA. With your help, we can follow Hawaii's lead in 2019. If you aren't already, please sign up to be notified about simple actions you can take to urge our Maryland lawmakers to pass a chlorpyrifos ban law protecting our children from chlorpyrifos exposures. EPA scientists concluded that chlorpyrifos is unsafe at any detectable level and should be banned. Chlorpyrifos is linked to developmental delays, autism spectrum disorders, ADHD and more. Sign on to our listerv [here](#).

We would also greatly appreciate your input/guidance on our new Go Organic website - is it useful in helping you make a few healthier-living lifestyle changes? Please take a minute to briefly answer two questions that will help us best serve your needs here.

ACTION ALERTS

Protecting You and Your Family

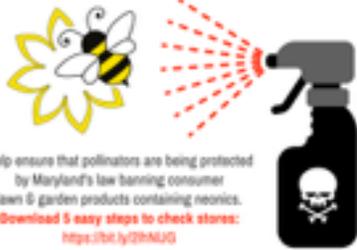
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- Here's a **list of companies that rely on Monsanto's genetically modified seeds and cancer-causing weedkiller Roundup**. By avoiding these products, you are voting with your wallet and your fork and watching out for the health of your family and yourself. [Read more](#).

In Maryland

Are pollinator-killing neonics being sold illegally in a store near you?



- **Help us protect our state's pollinators** by checking out if bee-killing products are being sold illegally near you. Store managers may be unaware they are breaking the law by stocking products containing neonicotinoids (neonics). A Maryland law banning **ALL** consumer sales and use of products containing this class of pollinator-killing pesticides went into effect this past January. [Help us learn where neonics are sold.](#)

On the Federal Level



- **Concerned about GMO labelling?** Tell USDA: Digital QR codes don't cut the mustard. On-package text or an easily understood symbol should be the only acceptable option for food companies. [Read more.](#)



Restaurants that offer organic options...



- **This month we focus on Bethesda!** Check [here](#) for tips on restaurants that serve organic options. Know of other good organic-oriented restaurants in your county? Let us know at info@mdpestnet.org and we will share the information.

And while we're talking about food...

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- **Organic and pesticide-free pick-your-own farms in Maryland:** It's still the season! Best to avoid orchards that use pesticides including chlorpyrifos, which was confirmed by US EPA to harm fetuses and children's brains. [Read more.](#)

For resources on all things organic, including organic on a budget, go to GoOrganicMd.org

NEWS & VIEWS



- **Way to go Costco!** Costco released its new policy limiting toxic neonicotinoid and chlorpyrifos pesticides in its supply chain to protect pollinators (and people)! They also promised to increase pollinator- and people-friendly organic offerings. [Read more.](#)



- **Monsanto relies on these "partners" to attack top cancer scientists** in order to protect its RoundUp weed killer. Their names and credentials mislead. [Read more.](#)



- **German scientists find frog populations in their country down 75%. Pesticides could wipe out frogs** by making all/most tadpoles female and could contribute to downward spiral of many species. [Read more.](#)

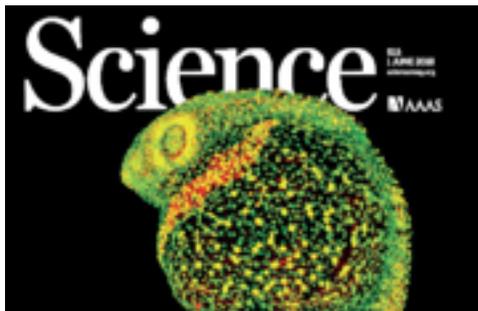
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POLLINATOR/BEE BUZZ



- **Watch this short primer on the pollinator crisis.** Learn about the pesticides poisoning bees and other pollinators, and how you can help safeguard biodiversity for future generations: [Beyond Pesticides video, "Seeds that Poison"](#)



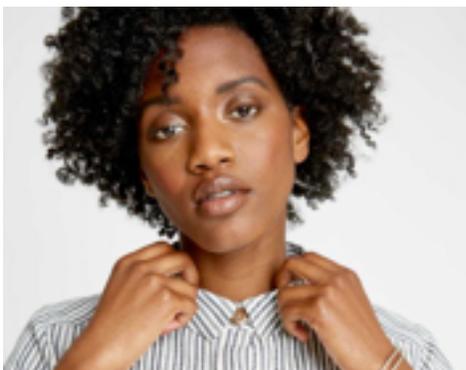
- **200 eminent scientists have signed a letter calling for severe restrictions on bee-killing and bird-killing pesticides** - read it [here](#).

TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE



- [This poster](#) identifies **eight plants that can help repel mosquitoes in your yard**

- **Are your pillows impacting your health?** Find out which pillows are the healthiest [here](#).



- **Looking for natural or organic women's cosmetic brands?** Check [here](#) and [here](#).

- **35 fair trade & ethical clothing brands betting against "fast fashion."** [Read more](#).

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

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