



PesticideSmart News

May 2018 Newsletter

Greetings,

"Pick your own strawberries" season is upon us! Please make sure to **avoid "pick your own" adventures at farms that use chlorpyrifos**. EPA scientists confirmed that food grown with chlorpyrifos has residues that harm children's brains starting in utero. **Fruit lovers beware:** neurotoxin chlorpyrifos is another reason to buy organic and ask your local farmer about their pesticide practices. Read about chlorpyrifos residues on fruit consumed by children [here](#).

Earth Day has come and gone, we're focused on **Earth Year 2018-2019**. We are working to protect our babies, bees and the Bay and promote healthier living – everyday. If you live near Frederick, **you can help raise funds for our work, simply by reusing your shopping bags at the Frederick Common Market, May through June**. For every reusable bag you bring, you'll receive tokens at check out. Drop your tokens into the Maryland Pesticide Education Network basket as you leave and Common Market will make a donation to us.

Donate tokens for Md Pesticide Education Network April - June

Bring a bag & shop at Common Market Co-op, April thru June, and **PICK Md. Pesticide Education Network** to receive your reward tokens.
Common Market's Bring a Bag for Change saved 1,821,762 bags from the waste stream and **donated \$91,000** to charities, like us! Thank you Common Market!

COMMON MARKET CO-OP
Bring a Bag - for change -
CO-OP

YOUR LOCAL ORGANIC & NATURAL FOODS COOPERATIVELY OWNED GROCERY STORE!

5728 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD 21704
www.commonmarket.coop

We're recruiting volunteers to be "pollinator protectors" and we need your help. Maryland's ban on neonic-containing consumer products went into effect January 1, but some stores still have these deadly products on their shelves. Help us identify these stores. Contact legislate@centralmarylandbees.org for the simple steps to help protect pollinators and unsuspecting consumers.



*"If all Americans ate 2-1/2 cups of organic veggies a day, instead of conventional ones, we'd reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 3.3 million metric tons a year. **The impact:** Equivalent to taking 710000 cars off the road annually."* – Eating Well Magazine, May/June 2018

Organic Spring Gardening



- **Starting an organic garden?** [Here's what you need to know.](#)



- Looking for **Maryland organic lawncare and landscaping specialists?** Here are two companies we trust! [KW Landscaping](#) and [A.I.R.](#)



-**DIY Organic Lawncare?** National expert Charles Osborne explains how transitioning to an organic lawn care program is simple if you follow [these 3 steps.](#)



-Visit our [Go Organic website](#) and check out **GROWING** for more information on organic gardening. While you are at it, check out the rest of the website for the **best organic products, from cosmetics to clothing and food**. Also, peruse our new [PUBLICATIONS](#) page for books, reports and fact sheets.

NEWS & VIEWS

On the Federal level...



- **Sick joke: House Agriculture Committee advances Farm Bill attacking environment, endangered species.** [Read more.](#)



- **USDA rejects advice of expert panel and reapproves carcinogenic food additive carrageenan for use in organics.** [Read more.](#)

- **Betrayal at USDA: "...under Secretary Sonny Perdue, it's more like the Department of Agribusiness."** [Read more.](#)

Important to know...



- **Monsanto's RoundUp is contaminating popular wines and beers.** [Read more.](#)

Some good news...



- Study finds **organic farming reduces nitrogen pollution.** [Read more.](#)

- Beef Producer: **Regenerative agriculture is real** and it is available. [Read more.](#)



- **Can Dirt Save the Earth? Yep, if farmers embrace a whole new way of thinking about how to tend the land.** [Read more.](#)

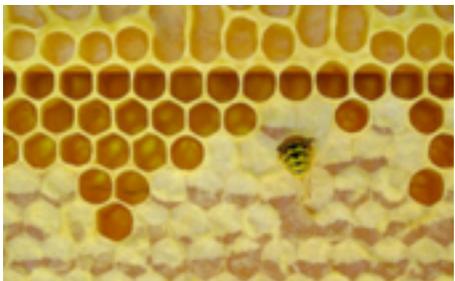
Help the Maryland Pesticide Education Network continue to protect our babies, bees and the Bay.

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POLLINATOR/BEE BUZZ



- **Save the bees** by choosing pollinator-friendly plants for your garden to provide bees with ample foraging opportunities. [Get our guide on what's best to plant during different seasons to help the bees!](#)



- **How many bee species does it take to pollinate a farm? Far more than you think.** [Read more.](#)

- **These popular pesticides are really bad for the birds and the bees.** [Read more.](#)

TIPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING



- **What we eat matters: 5 food choices that can lower your impact on the environment.** [Read more.](#)



- **Parents of school age children:** Learn about Maryland's law restricting pesticide use in public schools. **Is your school abiding by the law? Let us know if it isn't.** [Read more.](#)

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

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YOUR AMAZON SMILE PURCHASES ALSO SUPPORT OUR WORK

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