



## PesticideSmart News

September 2017 Newsletter

Greetings!

We want to acknowledge what is happening and the pesticides in the toxic flood waters: The days of summer close with a bang, as our nation braces for more unprecedented extreme weather. Our thoughts are with all who are grappling with these storms. Along with all they are dealing with, pesticides and other toxic chemicals in the Houston floodwaters pose a serious public health concern.

On the pesticide front:

Recent reports, noted in this month's newsletter, have emerged that expose the insidious agenda of the pesticide industry. We also offer several articles about new data tying pesticides to common health problems.

Plus, we showcase new tools to ensure you're getting the quality you expect when buying organic, as well as a harvest of great alternative products and practices to improve your family's health. Parents, be sure to catch California's inspiring example for our schools (a terrific PTA project), and other important ways to make your home, lawn and gardens safe and beautiful!

### TAKE ACTION!

**Thank you Maryland Congressmen Ruppberger (D-2), Raskin (D-8) and Brown (D-4) for signing a congressional letter to EPA Secretary Pruitt requesting information on the EPA's review of pollinator-harming pesticides.**



The letter also says their concern is based on Pruitt's recent decision to allow chlorpyrifos to stay on the market. **Pruitt apparently made this decision relying on the pesticide manufacturer's recommendations. He disregarded his own agency's recommendation to ban chlorpyrifos based on the science- it adversely impacts children's brains.**

Lets thanks these three congressmen for their leadership and also ask them and other Maryland delegates to support the Saving America's Pollinators Act. [Contact your representatives.](#)

## GO ORGANIC!



Not all organic eggs are created equal! Check out [this Organic Egg Scorecard](#) to see which brands are best.

A school district in California will become the nation's first to serve **exclusively organic, GMO-free meals**. A great idea for a pilot project at a Maryland public school! [Read more.](#)



These seven product labels can help you **shop smartly for organic and sustainable food, home, and beauty products.** [Read more.](#)

**Summer weeds in your soil** can be annoying, but there are several ways to **deal with them organically.** [Read more.](#)



## NEWS & RESEARCH

*Federal Pesticide Oversight*



**E.P.A. Promised ‘a New Day’ for the Agriculture Industry, Documents Reveal.** [Read more.](#)

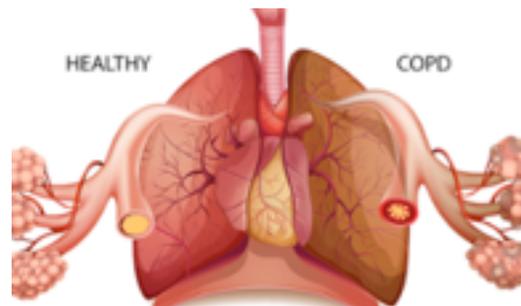
100,000 pages of **chemical/pesticide industry secret docs** are now revealed in "The Poison Papers." [Read more.](#)



National Academy of Sciences urges EPA to **review low-dose endocrine disrupting pesticides, linked to cancers, developmental disorders & mental illness.** [Read more.](#)

### *New Research*

New study shows **occupational exposure to pesticides & herbicides linked to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder.** [Read more.](#)



**Significant link found between occupational pesticide use & Parkinson's Disease** -- even among applicators using protective clothing. [Read more.](#)

The French government has published a **list** of currently used pesticide products that they suspect contain **endocrine-disrupting chemicals**. [Read more.](#)



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## POLLINATOR/BEE BUZZ



Canadian scientists: "**severe decline**" in North American hummingbirds likely caused by bee-killing neonicotinoid pesticides. [Read more.](#)

## MANAGING MOSQUITOES

You can request to **have your home excluded from nuisance mosquito control** in Maryland. [Here's how.](#)



**Several critters eat mosquitoes!** Here's how to identify them and **attract them to your yard**. [Read more.](#)

## TIPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING

Plant these veggies now for a great fall harvest in your garden. [Read more.](#)

Want to plant your favorite veggies without having to buy new seeds? Here's an excellent guide to seed saving. [Read more.](#)



Check out these **old-fashioned, chemical-free beauty treatments.** [Read more.](#)

The FDA recently approved this new **pesticide-free lice & egg elimination kit.** [Read more.](#)

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