HELP PROTECT OUR
POLLINATORS
5 SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP ENFORCE OUR BEE LAWS

Are bee-killing products sold illegally near you?
Store managers may be unaware they are breaking the law by
1) Selling consumer garden & lawn products containing
neonicotinoids (neonics). Md’s Pollinator Protection Act went
into effect January 1st, 2018, banning ALL consumer sales & use
of products containing this class of pollinator-killing pesticides.
2) Selling insecticides containing chlorpyrifos to farmers
and certified applicators in farm stores. Help us learn where
banned products are still being sold.

1. VISIT NEARBY STORES
Check outdoor-use insecticide shelves of Targets and these
applicators/farmers and may still carry illegal consumer products.

2. CHECK FOR BANNED PRODUCTS
Check active ingredient lists of outdoor insecticide products
including bug-killing pesticides, all-in-ones, bait & kill products,
sprays, liquids, pellets, fertilizers/plant foods. “Neonic” is an alias
—their real chemical names are what you must spot on
ingredient lists. Look for these chemical names:

- Imidacloprid
- Thiamethoxam
- Acetamiprid
- Thiacloprid
- Clothianidin
- Nitenpyram
- Dinotefuran
- Nithiazine

Clue: the word "neonicotinoid" will not be listed

Check for insecticide products containing the active ingredient
chlorpyrifos. These are used by farmers and certified applicators.

3. SPOT ONE? TAKE A MUG SHOT
Shoot a picture of the banned product 1) on the
shelf and 2) a label close-up. Find more than one?
Repeat the process.

4. REPORT TO STORE MANAGER
Tell the manager, Maryland banned all consumer products
containing neonicotinoid insecticides (effective 1/1/2018) and
all products containing chlorpyrifos (effective 1/1/2022).
Ask the manager to check their inventory
and remove these products immediately!
If you printed extras, leave them with a
copy of this fact sheet to help them
correctly identify banned products.

5. FILE THE REPORT
Report your findings here (good & bad):
tinyurl.com/ReportNeonics
You can also email pictures, store name &
location to: Smart on Pesticides Coalition at
raindrop@mdpestnet.org,
Questions, call Bonnie at 410-404-3808
Visit www.SmartOnPesticides.org

See a list of common agricultural products containing the active
ingredient chlorpyrifos on the back of this fact sheet.

Thank you for being a volunteer helping Maryland enforce critically important laws and helping reverse devastating bee losses
over 50%, and deaths of butterflies, beneficial insects, and birds in our State.

For a list of safe, effective neonic-free alternative pest control products, go to: bit.ly/saferpesticides
For tips on safe mosquito control, go to: https://bit.ly/3h18Xbe
For more information: www.smartonpesticides.org
When You’re Checking Stores for Banned Products

Look for two insecticide product types in stores, especially Target and farm supply stores:

1. **Outdoor use** insecticide products containing “chlorpyrifos” – usually listed on label front as Active Ingredient (pronounced chlor-py-rif-ös).
   Common product names:
   
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2. **Outdoor use** insecticide products containing the *neonicotinoid class* (aka neonics)
   One or more of these chemicals will be listed on label front as Active Ingredient:
   
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* The word “neonicotinoid” will not be found on the label, as it is a class not a chemical name.

If you have a question, contact the Smart on Pesticides Coalition, bonnie@mdpestnet.org, 410-404-3808.

**Thank you!**