

Are bee-killing products sold illegally--near you?

Store managers may be unaware they are breaking the law by stocking home 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.

HELP PROTECT OUR POLLINATORS



5 SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP ENFORCE OUR BEE LAW

1. VISIT 5 FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD STORES

Home Depot, Lowes, Ace, True Value, Walmart, nurseries & garden centers.

2. POLICE STORE SHELVES FOR BANNED PRODUCTS



Examine ingredient lists of lawn care, home & garden products.

Neonics hide in bug-killing insecticides, plant fertilizers, all-in-ones, bait & kill products, sprays, liquids, pellets, fertilizers/plant foods (neonic-treated seeds & plants are not illegal yet). "Neonic" is an alias--their real chemical names are what you must spot on the ingredient list.

Look for these chemical names of neonics:



Imidacloprid

Thiamethoxam

Acetamiprid

Thiacloprid

Clothianidin

Nitenpyram

Dinotefuran

Nithiazine

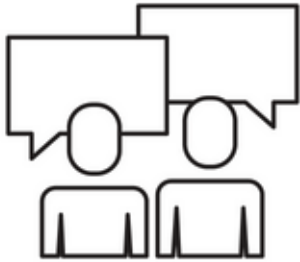
(the word "neonicotinoid" will not be listed)

3. SPOT ONE? TAKE A MUG SHOT

Shoot a picture of the banned product --
on the shelf & a closeup of the label.
Find more than one? Repeat the process.



4. REPORT TO THE STORE MANAGER



Tell them as of Jan. 1, 2018, Maryland banned all consumer products containing neonicotinoid insecticides (Pollinator Protection Act of 2016). This law may effect hundreds of products that now contain a neonic chemical.

They must check their inventory & remove these products immediately!
Leave them with a copy of this sheet to tell them how to correctly spot neonics.

5. FILE THE REPORT

Email pictures, store name & location
(manager's name, if possible) to:
dennis.howard@maryland.gov (Regulations)
cc: legislate@cmbeea.org



QUESTIONS? Call 410-404-3808 or legislate@cmbeea.org



OUR POLLINATORS THANK YOU



This is a collaborative effort for citizens, supported by over 85 organizations known as the Smart on Pesticides Coalition. Thank you for helping Maryland enforce a critically important law and help reverse a devastating trend of bee losses of more than 50% in our State. For a list of safe and effective neonic-free consumer



alternative products, go to: tinyurl.com/safer-pest

For tips on safe mosquito control, go to: tinyurl.com/mosquito-no

For more information: www.smartonpesticidesmd.org