



Beyond Toxics

Leadership for a Clean & Just Oregon

2019 LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

A strong coalition of Oregon businesses, environmental and racial justice organizations are working together to modernize our pesticide laws. This pesticide reform package will protect water, community health and wildlife. Now is the time to reverse bee declines, end pesticide drift and protect children from brain damaging pesticides.



RESTRICT BEE-KILLING NEONICOTINOIDS SB 853 & HB 3058

Neonicotinoids (neonics) are a class of synthetic, neurotoxic pesticides widely used on a range of crops and ornamentals. They can persist in the environment many years after their application and are highly toxic to bees, beneficial insects, fish and birds. We are urging the Oregon Legislative Assembly to add these bee-killing pesticides to Oregon's list of Restricted Use Pesticides. This step would remove neonic-containing products from consumer store shelves and reduce their impact in urban areas.



PROTECT FARM-WORKERS & BIODIVERSITY SB 853 & HB 3058

For 50 years chlorpyrifos, a neurotoxic pesticide, has been damaging children's brain and harming farm-workers and our food. The EPA was ordered by federal courts to ban this dangerous pesticide from use on food crops. Oregon should take the strongest possible action to protect farm workers, children, the safety of our food and the environment with a statewide ban on chlorpyrifos.



FORESTRY PESTICIDE PROJECT SB 926 & SB 931

End aerial herbicide spraying on state lands SB 926

Oregon law allows helicopters to spray dangerous herbicides on many thousands of acres of state forests. These forests provide drinking water to downstream communities. Aerial herbicide sprays are ultra-hazardous because herbicides can drift for miles. Our state forests and public funds should not be used to put drinking water and rural communities at risk of being exposed to herbicides.

Update FERNs SB 931

The Oregon Dept. of Forestry's online forest activities notification system needs improvement. This easy-to-use system can help rural residents protect themselves from aerial herbicide sprays on private industrial timber plantations. These necessary updates will include:

- Notify residents 48 hours prior to herbicide sprays
- Distinguish between aerial and ground sprays
- Report types and amounts of pesticides used to the state regulators.



DEVELOP PESTICIDE USE DATA SETS

Pesticides are natural resource management tools. However, they also contaminate rivers and soils and harm people and wildlife. That's why Oregon passed a law to require Pesticide Use Reporting over 20 years ago. This program only collected 2 years of data before being defunded and slated to end in 2019. Modern technology makes it easy to collect accurate data on how pesticides are being used and where pesticides are going in the environment. Now is the time to commit to a long-term, comprehensive pesticide reporting system for better science-based environmental protections.

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