



## **Ban Chlorpyrifos**

**Contact key legislators to insist that this brain-damaging pesticide be banned. It's still being sprayed on Oregon's food!**

***Let's work to provide overdue protections for Oregon's children, farm workers and wildlife.***

Beyond Toxics supports **HB 2619-A**, a bill in the Oregon legislature that would ban the use of **chlorpyrifos**, a toxic nerve agent pesticide proven to cause brain damage in children, contaminate waterways and harm wildlife. We are coordinating a strong coalition of organizations and businesses to support *HB 2619-A Engrossed in the Oregon legislature* to address the harms caused by **chlorpyrifos, a notorious pesticide** that is the target of restrictions in other states in the U.S.

[HB 2619-A Engrossed](#) will **ban the use of chlorpyrifos**, a toxic nerve agent pesticide proven to cause brain damage in children, contaminate waterways and harm wildlife.

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### **Sample letter/email:**

Dear Representative --

I urge your support for HB 2619, which would prohibit the use of the toxic pesticide chlorpyrifos in Oregon. New York, California and Hawaii have already made the decision to ban chlorpyrifos to protect their children, their drinking water and their wildlife. Oregon can also take action now!

Even very low levels of exposure to chlorpyrifos—a pesticide used on foods and crops grown in Oregon — like apples and Christmas trees—can cause irreparable harm and damage children's developing brains. It is a killer of bees, birds, fish and the many species that make Oregon rich in wildlife.

The Trump administration refuses to protect us from this outdated and highly hazardous pesticide. This decision neglects the EPA's own science.

When good science is silenced, we in Oregon must take action!

Children exposed to chlorpyrifos from food and water experience reduced IQ, loss of working memory, and attention deficit disorders.

Farm Workers poisoned by chlorpyrifos experience vomiting, muscle cramps and twitching, tremors, and weakness. There are much safer alternatives, so why not use them?

In the past few years, the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture received nearly 5 dozen complaints about harm from chlorpyrifos drift – dead hummingbirds, dead bees, sick neighbors and more harm! We should not wait on the Trump administration to keep this toxic pesticide out of our food, our water and our bodies.

Please support HB 2619 to prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos in Oregon.

Sincerely,

(your name/address)

### TALKING POINTS FOR PHONE CALLS:

When you call your representatives, you don't need to say much! Here are some top-line talking points:

- I am a constituent—I live in [insert town/city].
- I urge you to vote YES to ban a dangerous pesticide in Oregon – the organophosphate called chlorpyrifos (pronounced “CHLOR-PIE-REE-FOS)
- This old WWII chemical continues to harm children, bees, birds and fish
- Today there are modern alternatives, from new chemistries to organic methods. Oregon doesn't need to protect this outdated pesticide! Instead we should protect the environment and our health!

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### MORE

- [More from Pesticide Action Network, North America](#) (PANNA)
- See [Protect Kids From Chlorpyrifos](#) (YouTube video)

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### IN THE NEWS

- [This Pesticide Poisons Kids, But It's Still Sprayed On Washington Orchards](#) by Eilis O'Neill, OPB Dec. 16, 2018
  - [A Toxic Pesticide Once Targeted For A Ban Was Probably Sprayed On Your Christmas Tree](#) by Tony Schick, OPB Dec. 14, 2018
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