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Eugene Takes Action On Pesticides

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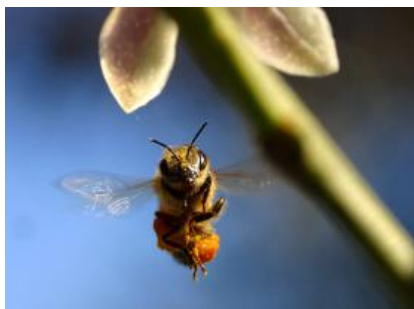
George Brown and Lisa Arkin talk about the Eugene City Council passing restrictions on neo-nicotinoid pesticides.

It's not easy to say "neonicotinoid pesticide," perhaps harder still to pass legislation regulating it.

The Oregon Legislature backed off new regulations on the pesticides, opting instead for further study and a task force.

This is the class of pesticides blamed for a major bee kill near Portland in Summer 2013.

The City of Eugene just made moves to ban neonicotinoids on city property and expand a program of pesticide-free parks.



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The boss at [Beyond Toxics](#) (<http://www.BeyondToxics.org>) and a council member explain how the changes came about.

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