

INFORMATION SHEET

Pollinator Protection Act of 2016

The Pollinator Protection Act of 2016 limits the use and sale of neonicotinoid pesticides within the state of Maryland. Neonicotinoid pesticides are defined as pesticides with active ingredients including: Imidacloprid, Nithiazine, Acetamiprid, Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Thiacloprid, and Thiamethoxam. This law went into effect on January 1, 2018.

Sales Limitations of Neonicotinoid Pesticides in Maryland

- 🐝 Retailers possessing a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) dealer permit may sell neonicotinoid pesticides labeled for outdoor use.
- 🐝 Retailers that do not possess a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) dealer permit may only sell neonicotinoid pesticides labeled for indoor use.
- 🐝 Sales of neonicotinoid pesticides whose labels are for indoor use only, pet care, and personal care products are **exempt** from this regulation.
- 🐝 Sales records of neonicotinoid pesticides are not required.

Failure to comply with this law may result in civil penalties.

Outdoor Application of Neonicotinoid Pesticides in Maryland

Neonicotinoid pesticides may only be applied by:

- 🐝 Applicators who are certified by the Maryland Department of Agriculture or those working under the supervision of a certified applicator;
- 🐝 Farmers or those working under the supervision of a farmer; **AND**
- 🐝 Veterinarians.

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