

MDA Pesticide Information Sheet

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The 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 became effective on January 1, 2018.

Sales Limitations:

- Only Retailers possessing a Restricted Use Pesticide Dealer Permit may sell Neonicotinoid Pesticides within the state.
- Only sales of Neonicotinoid Pesticides whose labels allow their outdoor use require the retailer to obtain the Restricted Use Pesticide Dealer Permit.
- Records for sales of Neonicotinoid Pesticides are not required unless that pesticide is considered a Restricted-Use Pesticide.
- Sales of Neonicotinoid Pesticides whose labels are for indoor use only, pet care, and personal care products are **exempt** from this regulation.

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

Outdoor Use Limitations

Neonicotinoid pesticides may only be applied by:

1. Applicators who are Certified by the Maryland Department of Agriculture or are working under the supervision of a Certified Applicator.
2. Farmers, or those working under the supervision of a Farmer.
3. Veterinarians.

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For more information please contact the Pesticide Regulation Section at (410) 841-5710.