

THE IMPACT OF NEONICOTINOIDS ON HONEY BEES ACTION TOOLKIT

Bees and other pollinators play an important role in food production. The widespread use of neonicotinoids (a class of systemic, neurotoxic insecticides) are harming the health of honey bees and pollinators worldwide.

Not only are the chemicals affecting the bees' survival, they have also been found in the majority of streams across the U.S., and in an alarming number of fruits, vegetables, and grains.



Bee the difference. Take action!

Community Action:

1. Set up a table at the farmers' market or community festival and distribute informational flyers.
2. Invite visitors to learn more about how they can make a difference in their community by joining LWV.

Political Action:

1. Educate your city council, mayor and community by presenting the PowerPoint at a council meeting.
2. Write a resolution or ordinance to eliminate and/or reduce the use of neonicotinoids in public parks and properties.

Individual Action:

1. Educate yourself by reading the briefing paper at LWVMNbees.org
2. Write a letter to the editor and local representatives.
3. Educate friends and family about how they can identify and avoid using neonicotinoids.

Local LWV Action:

1. Host an informational meeting for LWV members utilizing the Power Point presentation or video suggestions included in the toolkit.
2. Invite a panel of local experts to discuss the decline of bees in your community.

Toolkit Elements:

Briefing Paper
Paper Overview
PowerPoint Presentation
Letter to the Editor Sample
LWVMN Press Release
Event Flyer Template
Additional Resources Online



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