



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PESTICIDE REGULATION SECTION

REMINDER

On January 1, 2018, *The Pollinator Protection Act of 2016* became law. 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**. Further information is available on the Department's website at:
<https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/PollinatorProtectionActFactSheet.pdf>

During the 2021 Legislative Session the legislature passed additional measures that firm up some of the language in the original bill. Effective October 1, 2021, a person that sells a Neonicotinoid pesticide may sell a Neonicotinoid pesticide **only** to a certified Applicator or a Farmer; and shall store each Neonicotinoid pesticide in a manner that is inaccessible to a customer without the assistance from the person or an employee of the person. A copy of the Bill can be found on the Maryland General Assembly's website at: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2021RS/Chapters_noln/CH_626_hb0208t.pdf

For more information concerning the changes contact the Department's Pesticide Regulation Section at 410-841-5710 or pest.reg@maryland.gov.