



NORTHWEST CENTER FOR
ALTERNATIVES TO PESTICIDES

2015-2016 WINTER UPDATE

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Current Work & Programs

Since the mid-20th century, chemical pesticides have played an increasingly major role in agriculture, industry, and urban land management. In fact, the United States Environmental Protection Agency calculates that annual pesticide use in the US amounts to over one billion pounds per year—roughly three pounds for every person in the country!

Pesticides can have negative impacts on other organisms aside from the intended pest, and this can cause problems in the broader environment. Pesticide exposure has also been linked to a number of serious human health concerns, including birth defects, cancer, and injury to reproductive organs.

NCAP works to protect those who are most vulnerable from harm caused by pesticides, while also striving to educate and help identify healthier, more ecologically sound solutions to pest management. We are focusing our current campaigns in three main program areas:

HEALTHY FOOD AND FARMS PROGRAM

At the heart of sustainable agriculture is the belief that we must nurture the land just as it, in turn, nurtures us. It's not only about avoiding harmful chemicals, it's about investing in practices that conserve as well as cultivate. NCAP is working to create lively organic communities that will ensure a healthier future for our food, our farms and our farmers.

HEALTHY WILDLIFE AND WATER PROGRAM

All living things need clean water and healthy habitat. That's why we work to protect Northwest environments from harm caused by pesticides. NCAP's efforts to protect waterways and wildlife from pesticides are currently focused on projects that will help restore endangered fish populations, protect pollinators like bees, and achieve stronger federal regulation and monitoring of pesticides.

HEALTHY PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Pesticides are often used in parks, schools and other areas where children live, learn and play. This puts kids at risk for exposure, which can lead to serious illness. We are working to protect growing minds and bodies by organizing and educating to make more places pesticide-free.



Healthy Food & Farms

DEMONSTRATING ORGANIC METHODS OF INSTALLING POLLINATOR AND OTHER BENEFICIAL INSECT HABITAT

Organic farmers rely upon beneficial insects for managing insect pests. To thrive on farms, these insects need shelter and flowering plants for food. Many organic farmers want to create habitat for beneficial insects, but struggle to manage the weeds in the habitat plantings.

This summer, NCAP worked closely with Idaho organic farmers and The Xerces Society to demonstrate organic methods of site preparation. Farmers demonstrated solarization, sheet mulching and repeated weeding. Hedgerows were planted with flowering shrubs and perennials in September. Plus, one of the demonstration farms hosted a tour for 44 participants.

By improving and demonstrating organic methods of site preparation, more organic farmers in our region will successfully establish habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects. Many organic farmers avoid the use of all pesticides, including those approved for use on organic farms, thus creating areas where pollinators and other beneficial insects can thrive.

We will continue this work next year by demonstrating organic methods of site preparation on additional organic farms. With The Xerces Society, we will develop a resource guide for farmers and conservation planners on the findings from the on-farm demonstrations.

Healthy Wildlife & Water

HELPING HOMEOWNERS AND MUNICIPALITIES SOURCE NEONIC-FREE PLANTS

Neonicotinoid pesticides have been implicated in the decline of honey bees as well as native bees and other pollinators. This year, NCAP engaged in a market survey to discover and promote those nurseries that currently supply neonic-free plants.

The guide "Shop Neonic-Free Nurseries" at our website identifies 20 neonic-free wholesalers and 12 neonic-free retailers in Oregon. We will continue to expand the guide throughout the NCAP region. The guide can be viewed at: www.pesticide.org/neonic_free_nurseries

Homeowners, landscapers, and cities (who are increasingly adopting neonic-free procurement policies) will be able to use this information to protect pollinators. We will deepen this work next year by offering an alternatives workshop to train Oregon nursery producers in biological methods of insect control, partnering with Oregon State University and USDA Risk Management Agency.

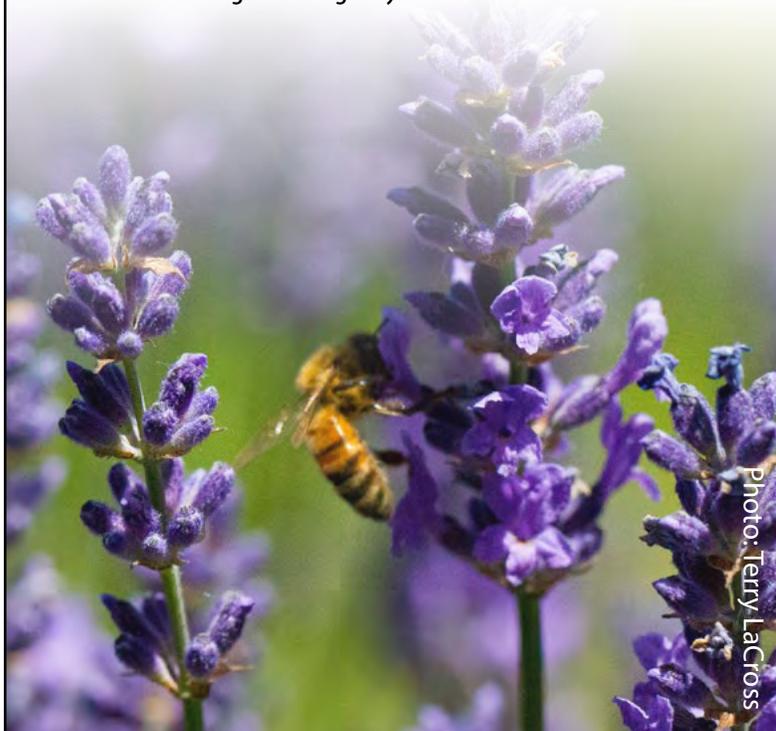
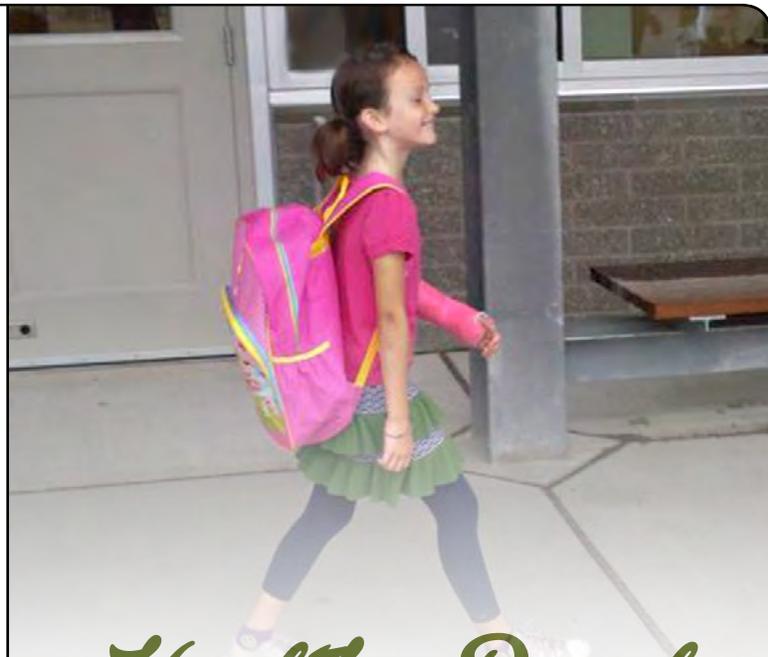


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Healthy People & Communities

FIGHTING FOR STRONGER PROTECTIONS FROM PESTICIDES WHERE PEOPLE LIVE, LEARN, WORK AND PLAY

All children have the right to learn in a healthy school environment, where they spend 180 school days a year. Poor indoor air quality, caused in part by pests and pesticides, leads to increased asthma attacks, lower test scores and lower attendance rates. Research studies support that strong Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policies have been found to reduce school costs over time.

To help protect students and employees from harmful exposure in schools, we distributed a Special Report: Oregon Schools are Reducing Pesticides! An Analysis of State Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Legislation to Oregon lawmakers and partners in the region. Results were presented to national stakeholders and peers at the International IPM Symposium March 23-25, 2015 in Salt Lake City.

NCAP worked with Washington State Senator Maralyn Chase to draft a bill to protect the state's one million school children and employees with a policy solution that emphasizes prevention and alternatives to pesticides. The bill was co-sponsored by five senators and we'll continue to promote legislation to make our schools healthier.

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Your membership provides you with:

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- Our informative monthly email newsletter.
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NCAP staff are committed to a world where communities, water, wildlife and food are healthy and free of toxic and persistent pesticides.

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