

Greetings,

My name is SK and I'm a trained environmental scientist, biologist and I've spent much of my life seeking practical and holistic solutions to what few can protest to be the largest issues that'll be plaguing humans living on the planet. Our pollinators are necessary for angiosperm reproduction, meaning almost ALL flowering or fruiting plants so it's absolutely necessary to protect them whether it's financially convenient or not. Neonicotinoids have been well researched by dozens of organizations showing them to bioaccumulate, disrupt riparian and oceanic ecosystems and kill beneficial insects necessary to our food web. Companies who profit off of these chemicals would have you believe they're necessary, but even the United Nations along with many, many countries' advisory councils have dispelled that myth. These chemicals should not be commercially available and only licensed contractors who are educated to the harm and appropriate applications of neonics should be able to purchase and use them. That will make them safer, less impactful and protect the environment to the extent we can until we no longer "need" them at all.

Do not let environmental degradation continue and help make harsh chemicals that are largely unnecessary something that people need to be educated to use.

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