



ODA organizes a workgroup to explore Oregon's use of the pesticide product, chlorpyrifos

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The Oregon Department of Agriculture has put together a workgroup that will help the Department evaluate uses and potential restrictions on the pesticide product Chlorpyrifos in the state beyond the limitations specified on product labels. The goal for this workgroup is to explore the critical uses and evaluate appropriate science-based restrictions that protect public health and safety.

Members of the workgroup include leaders and experts from a wide cross section of interests, including agriculture, environmental justice groups, toxicologist and farmworker health-and-safety organizations. The committee's work will be transparent, collaborative and consist of inclusive communication, in-line with ODA's mission and strategic plan objectives.

Workgroup Members:

- Lisa Arkin, Beyond Toxics
- Fred Berman, Oregon Health and Science University and Oregon State University
- Pete Brentano, Farmer, Oregon Board of Agriculture member
- Scott Dahlman, Oregonians for Food and Shelter
- Jenny Dresler, Oregon Farm Bureau, Associated Oregon Hazelnut Industries
- Jeff Jenkins, Oregon State University
- Chal Langren, Oregon State University
- Karen Lewotsky, Oregon Environmental Council
- Bryan Ostlund, Oregon Seed League, Oregon Clover Seed Commission, Oregon Blueberry Commission, Oregon Blueberry Commission, Oregon Fine Fescue Commission, Oregon Mint Commission, Oregon Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission, Oregon Tall Fescue Commission
- Dave Phipps, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
- Martha Sonato, Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste
- Jeff Stone, Oregon Association of Nurseries

The workgroup will meet for the first time on December 17, 2019, at ODA headquarters in Salem. Follow-up meetings will be scheduled for January and March. There will be a 15-minute public comment period at the end of every meeting. Following the March meeting, ODA will develop a proposal that will protect public health balanced with the need for critical uses. ODA will provide an opportunity for public

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comment through the process. Please visit <https://oda.direct/Rulemaking> for more details and a meeting agenda.

Quick facts about Chlorpyrifos

- Chlorpyrifos is one of the most widely-used active ingredients in agricultural insect control products in the world.
- Chlorpyrifos is used to control pests on a variety of Oregon crops including, Christmas trees, alfalfa, grass fields, grapes, apples and wheat to name a few.
- Chlorpyrifos is used on non-agricultural sites including golf courses and for non-structural wood treatments. It is also registered for use to control mosquitos.
- Chlorpyrifos is prohibited by U.S. EPA for most residential uses since 2001.

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