

# PROTECT BEES READ PESTICIDE LABELS

Five steps to reading a pesticide label to determine how risky a treatment is to bees.



1. OPEN THE LABEL and look for the ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS section.



2. BEE TOXIC PESTICIDES will be indicated by the phrase "TOXIC" or "HIGHLY TOXIC TO BEES". If toxic:



when in bloom

wait until all petals fall

3. Some bee-toxic pesticides
BREAK DOWN IN A FEW HOURS.
Look out for the words:



1. " FORAGING" or "VISIT-ING" = remains toxic for more than 8 h. DON'T APPLY TO FLOWERING PLANTS!



2. "ACTIVELY FORAGING" or "ACTIVELY VISITING" = remains toxic for less than 8 h ONLY APPLY IN THE EVENING WHEN BEES ARE NOT ACTIVE!

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This pesticide is toxic to mammals, birds, fish and aquatic invertebrates.

This product is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues on blooming crops or weeds. Do not apply this product or allow it to drift to blooming crops if bees are actively foraging the treatment area.



#### 4. BEE ADVISORY BOX

Newer products may have a Bee Advisory Box, which is clearly marked by a **SYMBOL OF A BEE IN A RED DIAMOND.** Carefully read these additional instructions on how to use the product safely around bees.

### **5. USE DIRECTIONS**

Newer labels can also have additional precautions for using a products around honey bees **RENTED FOR POLLINATION**. Instructions may vary by use.

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