

Minnesota pollinators need policy change!

Across the state, Minnesotans are doing what we can to protect bees - planting flowers and reducing pesticide use. But to turn the tide on pollinator decline, we need more than individual choices: **we need our decision-makers to step up and create stronger policies at the state level.**

It's time for Minnesota policies that truly protect pollinators by:

- **Restricting neonicotinoid pesticides:** Neonicotinoids are a driving factor in pollinator decline. Minnesota should immediately restrict or suspend their use.
- **Funding farmers to implement pollinator-friendly practices:** Farmers who transition away from using neonicotinoid pesticides should be supported for their pollinator-friendly farming practices. The state should create initiatives that support farmers to make this move.
- **Restoring local control over pesticide policy:** Minnesota's "preemption" law prevents local governments from passing pesticide policies that are stricter than state law. This keeps local communities from setting their own standards for pesticide use.
- **Increasing transparency about pesticide use:** When pesticides are applied, they don't stay where they're put: they wind up contaminating our air, water, crops or beehives. We have a right to know when and where pesticides are applied in our state: Minnesota needs a pesticide use reporting law.

Tell Minnesota decision-makers: protect our pollinators!

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What should I say?

"I'm concerned about Minnesota's pollinators. I support efforts to limit bee-harming pesticides like neonicotinoids, and to increase transparency about pesticide use in Minnesota."