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The latest neonic activities.

**From:** [msba-board@googlegroups.com](mailto:msba-board@googlegroups.com) [<mailto:msba-board@googlegroups.com>] **On Behalf Of** Erin MacGregor-Forbes  
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Hello Beekeepers –

There is a printable valentine towards the bottom of this email that you can print and bring to your local home depot or Lowes, asking them not to sell plants that have been treated with neonicotinoids. With the help of beekeepers around the country, this campaign could really make a difference in the quality of plant material that our friends, neighbors, and community members are buying, and planting where our colonies forage. Much of the plant material (if not all) that is purchased at these stores has been treated with systemic neonicotinoids which express themselves in the nectar and pollen of the plants, causing a number of problems when the nectar and pollen are brought back to the honey bee (or native bee) nest.

Please take a moment to read this email, communicate with our local retailer, and share with your friends.

Best to you and your bees,  
-Erin

Friends,

Big news: On top of the 203,000 people nationwide who signed our petition telling Home Depot and Lowe's to stop selling bee-killing pesticides, hundreds of thousands of other people nationwide have signed similar petitions with other organizations. **In total, more than half a million people are now calling on the stores to take responsibility and stop selling neonic pesticides.**

Now its time to turn up the pressure on Lowe's and Home Depot. There are a number of petition delivery events in the next few days where activists will be delivering signatures and bee-themed valentines to local stores. If you live in or near one of the following cities, click the appropriate link below to RSVP for the petition delivery event. These are peaceful events so we ask that you're courteous to store employees, managers and shoppers if you choose to attend.

- [Eugene, Oregon: Saturday February 15 at 11 a.m.](#)
- [Emeryville, California: Wednesday, February 12 at 11 a.m.](#)
- [Washington, DC: Wednesday February 12 at 11 a.m.](#)
- [Minneapolis, MN: Wednesday February 12 at 11:15 a.m.](#)

You can also deliver a valentine to your local Home Depot or Lowe's. Click here to [download a printable valentine](#) to deliver, and [click here for instructions on how-to deliver it](#).

Or [click here to share the graphic below on Facebook](#).

# Show Bees Some



TELL HOME DEPOT  
AND LOWE'S TO  
STOP SELLING BEE  
KILLING PESTICIDES!

valentine.beeaction.org #beelove

**Join the National Swarm February 10th-16th**



In addition, we encourage everyone who plants their own pollinator-friendly plants from seeds, or purchases already potted plants, to use only organic or 'non-neonicotinoid treated' soils. This should assure that pollinators will not be assimilating 'neonics' through nectar or pollen. We thank you again for your continuing concern and involvement in the important work of saving the pollinators.

Thanks,  
Philip Smith

P.S. You can also forward the petition to your friends and family with this link: <http://www.credomobilize.com/petitions/home-depot-and-lowes-you-must-stop-selling-bee-killing-pesticides>

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