

Quick Guide to Reporting a Pesticide-Related Bee Kill Incident

1. First contact your state lead pesticide agency to begin investigation and determine when the inspector will come to your site. (*A list of state lead agency contact information is provided on the reverse side of this guide.*) If you do *not* want to begin an investigation, you should still collect information and file a report with EPA (see below).
2. Take photos/video of honey bees and incident area; record as much information as possible on conditions surrounding the loss.
3. Consider collecting your own evidence for lab analysis (i.e. pollen, comb, leaves or blooms from plant on which bees are foraging). For details on how to collect samples and where to find labs to send your evidence for analysis, visit: http://pollinatorstewardship.org/?page_id=1342 .
4. The Bee Informed Partnership offers an Emergency Response Kit (<http://beeinformed.org/programs/emergency-response-kits-2/>) that includes a pesticide screening of more than 170 pesticides through the USDA/AMS.
5. Contact the grower and/or applicator and determine what product(s) were applied.
6. If a particular product is suspected, contact the manufacturer of the product by using the 1-800 number provided on the product label, report the incident, and determine if and when they will visit the site of the incident.
7. Meet with the county/state inspector; meet with the manufacturer (if applicable).
8. Follow up with the lab to secure reports from the analysis of your own samples, and those evidence samples collected by the state (if available), and the manufacturer.
9. File a report with EPA through the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) web portal for the Ecological Pesticide Incident Reporting <http://pi.ace.orst.edu/erep/> OR by sending an email directly to beekill@epa.gov
10. Consider contacting the Pollinator Stewardship Council for assistance in filing a report with the EPA.

State Lead Pesticide Agencies:

http://npic.orst.edu/reg/state_agencies.html

Apiary Inspectors of America:

<http://apiaryinspectors.org/members.html>

Bee Informed Partnership:

<http://beeinformed.org/programs/emergency-response-kits-2/> or contact your Tech Transfer team

Environmental Protection Agency:

beekill@epa.gov

Ecological Pesticide Incident Reporting:

(800) 858-7378 or online at <http://pi.ace.orst.edu/erep/>

National Pesticide Information Center:

<http://npic.orst.edu/index.html>

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture:

<http://www.nasda.org/9383/States.aspx>

Pollinator Stewardship Council:

(832) 727-9492;
info@pollinatorstewardship.org

Product Registrants

If a particular pesticide product is suspected, call toll-free number on the label.

Information to Provide when Reporting a Pesticide-Related Bee Kill Incident:

- Contact information
- Location where the bee kill occurred, including county or parish.
- Date you first observed the bee kill and when it ended.
- Evidence collected, weather conditions, and ongoing exposure.
- Information on pesticides: name of pesticide applied in the area; registration number; active ingredients; crop the pesticide was applied to; and how the pesticide was formulated, used, and applied.
- Description of the pollinator: common name of species affected; magnitude of species; how many were affected; habitat; age or age class.
- Route of exposure for the pesticide contamination; distance from treatment site to affected organisms.
- Lab report of your bee kill evidence.

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Incident Reporting Contacts for State Lead Pesticide Agencies

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- **Alabama:** Dept. of Agriculture & Industries, Pest Management Division (334) 240-7242
- **Alaska:** Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Pesticide Control Program (800) 478-2577
- **Arizona:** Dept. of Agriculture, Environmental Services Division (800) 423-8876
- **Arkansas:** State Plant Board, Pesticide Division (501) 225-1598
- **California:** CA Environmental Protection Agency, Dept. of Pesticide Regulation (916) 324-4100 or (877) 378-5463
- **Colorado:** Dept. of Agriculture, Div. of Plant Industry, Pesticide Programs (303) 869-9058
- **Connecticut:** Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection, Pesticide Management Program (860) 424-3369
- **Delaware:** DE Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Management (302) 698-4571
- **Florida:** Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Bureau of Plant and Apiary Inspection: (352)-395-4633
- **Georgia:** Dept. of Agriculture, Plant Industry Division (404) 656-4958
- **Hawaii:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticides Branch (808) 973-9404
- **Idaho:** State Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticides & Chemigation (208) 332-8613 or (208) 332-8608
- **Illinois:** Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Environmental Programs (217) 524-7799
- **Indiana:** Office of IN State Chemist, Pesticide Section (800) 893-6637 or (765)-494-1582
- **Iowa:** Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship, Pesticide Bureau (515) 281-8591
- **Kansas:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide & Fertilizer Use (785) 564-6688
- **Kentucky:** Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Environmental Services (502) 564-6120
- **Louisiana:** Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry, Pesticide & Environmental Programs (855) 452-5323
- **Maine:** Dept. of Agriculture, Board of Pesticides Control (207) 287-2731
- **Maryland:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulation Section (410) 841-5710
- **Massachusetts:** MA Dept. of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Program (617) 626-1781
- **Michigan:** Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Dev., Pesticide & Plant Pest Management Div. (800) 292-3939
- **Minnesota:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide & Fertilizer Management Division (651) 201-6333
- **Mississippi:** Dept. of Ag & Commerce, Bureau of Plant Industry, Pesticide Program (662) 325-8789
- **Missouri:** Dept. of Agriculture, Plant Industries Div., Bureau of Pesticide Control (573) 751-5511
- **Montana:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Programs (406) 444-5400
- **Nebraska:** Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Pesticide Program (402) 471-6882
- **Nevada:** Dept. of Agriculture, Plant Industry Division (775) 353-3716
- **New Hampshire:** Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control (603) 271-3640 or (603) 271-3550
- **New Jersey:** Dept. of Environmental Protection, Pesticide Control Program (609) 984-6568
- **New Mexico:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Compliance Section (575)-646-2733
- **New York:** Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Div. of Materials Mgmt, Bureau of Pest Mgmt (518) 402-8727
- **North Carolina:** Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Structural Pest Control & Pesticide Division (919) 733-3556
- **North Dakota:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide & Fertilizer Division (701) 328-4922
- **Ohio:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide & Fertilizer Regulation Section (614) 728-6987
- **Oklahoma:** Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Forestry, Plant Industry & Consumer Services (405) 522-5981
- **Oregon:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticides Division (503) 986-4635
- **Pennsylvania:** Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry (717) 772-5231
- **Rhode Island:** Dept. of Environmental Mgmt., Div. of Agriculture (401) 222-2781 x4504
- **South Carolina:** Clemson University, Dept. of Pesticide Regulation (864) 646-2150
- **South Dakota:** Dept. of Agriculture, Div. of Agricultural Services, Pesticide Program (605) 773-4432
- **Tennessee:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticides & Agriculture Inputs (800) 628-2631
- **Texas:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Programs (800) 835-5832
- **Utah:** Dept. of Agriculture & Food, Div. of Plant Industry (801) 538-4925
- **Vermont:** Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets, Agricultural Resource Management & Environmental Stewardship (802) 828-6531 or (802) 828-3482
- **Virginia:** Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Office of Pesticide Services (804) 371-6560
- **Washington:** Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Management Division (360) 902-2040 or (360) 902-2010
- **West Virginia:** Dept. of Agriculture, Regulatory & Environmental Affairs Division (304) 558-2209
- **Wisconsin:** Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, Agricultural Resource Management Division (608) 224-4500 or (608) 224-4529
- **Wyoming:** Dept. of Agriculture (307) 777-6585
- **Washington D.C.:** Dept. of the Environment, Environmental Programs (202) 535-2600