

Protect our Pollinators – Use Pesticides Wisely



Apple Blossom – Photo Karen O'Malley
Reed Bee – Photo Karen O'Malley

- Most bees are killed by pesticides when flowering crops are sprayed.
- Avoid or minimize sprays during flowering.
- Avoid spraying when bees are actively foraging.
- Only use pesticides when necessary, consider spot spraying (only applying to infested areas).
- Be aware of wind direction and use drift-reduction application equipment that is properly maintained and calibrated.
- Don't spray pollinator habitats. Maintain unsprayed flowering plant borders, windbreaks and native vegetation areas.
- When sowing with insecticide treated seed, control flowering weeds in the field prior to planting so that bees are not attracted to the field for foraging.
- Provide pollinator-friendly habitats away from active paddocks.

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