

Register and
raise your
voice!



Dept. of Environmental Conservation Listening Session

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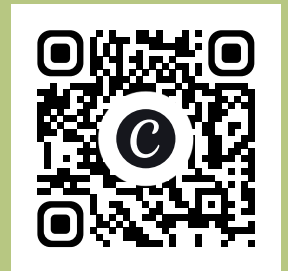
What is Happening

We need New Yorkers and engaged advocates to register and voice their support for strong regulations that give the BBPA the teeth it needs.

What to Do

Registration is free and required. To attend, a registration link is available at [this webpage](#). If you would like to speak, you may indicate that on the registration form.

Note: Speaking time is limited; each person will get between 1-3 minutes. Practice your remarks ahead of time using a timer.



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What to Say

Neonics are highly destructive neurotoxic insecticides. They are used in ways that pollute soil and water, kill beneficial insects, harm birds and wildlife, and **do not benefit farmers**.

We need the DEC to enact regulations that:

- Ensure most non-agricultural turf and ornamental uses are prohibited
- Create narrow exemptions for neonic use to protect specific woody plants, not turf, or address environmental emergencies
- Limit neonic use on corn, soy, and wheat seeds to situations where neonic seed coating use is verified as needed, and would address an economically significant pest risk



Links to Fact Sheets



[Neonics Overview](#)



[Impacts on Birds](#)



[Impacts on Insects](#)



[Impacts on People](#)



Neonic Use in New York

****Agriculture and lawn/garden/ornamental uses make up 80-90% of the neonics entering New York's environment every year.**

****Neonics are typically used preventively, regardless of whether a pest problem is present or not. For this reason, most use is unnecessary.**

****Neonic seed treatments are likely used on over 1 million acres of New York corn, soybean, and wheat fields each year, making them the top source of contamination.**

****Research consistently shows that these seed treatments do not economically benefit the farmers that use them—including recent extensive testing by Cornell University.**

****Non-agricultural lawn and garden neonic uses can heavily contaminate urban and suburban areas, but provide no benefit to homeowners or are easily replaced with safer alternatives.**