



# Oregon

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## PESTICIDE ADVISORY

### Emergency (Temporary) Rule Prohibiting the Use of Dinotefuran and Imidacloprid on Linden Trees



On June 26, 2014, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) enacted an emergency (temporary) rule prohibiting the use of any product containing the neonicotinoid insecticides dinotefuran or imidacloprid, regardless of application method, on linden trees. The Temporary Administrative Rule will be in effect June 26 - December 23, 2014, OAR 603-057-0387. Additional regulatory action may take place before or after the expiration date of the temporary rule.

#### What Does this Mean to You?

This means that if you have a container label that provides directions for use on linden trees, you **can not** apply it to linden trees, basswood trees or other *Tilia* species.

This rule prohibits the use of dinotefuran or imidacloprid to *Tilia* spp., **regardless of application method**, including but not limited to: foliar, bark treatment, soil drench, tree or soil injection, bark injection, and basal bark application.

#### Why is the Department Taking this Action?

In 2013, there were numerous bee kills associated with the use of these products on linden trees. In response, ODA required as a condition of 2014 state pesticide registration that a label statement prohibiting use on linden trees would be required for products containing dinotefuran or imidacloprid. The Department embarked on substantial educational and outreach efforts regarding the hazards of using these active ingredients on linden trees and the new restrictions on pesticide labels.

In 2014, pesticide users continued to use products with old labels on linden trees, and as a result more bees died. In one incident, imidacloprid was foliarly applied to linden trees in bloom in June; and in another imidacloprid was injected into to linden trees (pre-bloom) in March and May.

#### What happens if you apply dinotefuran or imidacloprid products to linden trees?

Failure to comply with this Administrative Rule may result in a number of enforcement actions, including, but not limited to: License suspension or revocation, or imposition of a civil penalty.

Information regarding the rule and trade names of pesticide products impacted by this rule may be found at [www.oregon.gov/oda/pest/pages/pollinator.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/oda/pest/pages/pollinator.aspx)

For additional information or questions, contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture at (503) 986-4635, or email [pestx@oda.state.or.us](mailto:pestx@oda.state.or.us)

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