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Chlorpyrifos: Proposed Regulatory Decision (PRD)

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has today announced a proposed decision to suspend all domestic use products containing the insecticide chlorpyrifos from Australian shelves after 28 days.

The [Proposed Regulatory Decision](#) (PRD) to suspend chlorpyrifos products with uses in home gardens, domestic, and certain public spaces after 28 days, and cancel these products after three months, is the result of a comprehensive review of the chemical's environmental and health impacts.

However, chlorpyrifos products can continue to be used in agricultural settings or on permit only if used according to label instructions. This includes the appropriate use of protective equipment.

To assist you in keeping your industry members informed, please refer to the update below on the PRD announcement, which includes a link to our [website](#) with more information regarding the proposed decision on chlorpyrifos.

The APVMA looks forward to working with the agricultural community to ensure informed conversations around the proposed decision on chlorpyrifos. Importantly, this is a two-stage process, with the second stage to focus on agricultural, biosecurity, and uses on permit. We are also opening a consultation period with those who use chlorpyrifos for critical uses in agriculture, biosecurity, or under permit. We are undertaking this so we can better understand the use patterns of chlorpyrifos before we make a proposed regulatory decision.

More details are available on the consultation page on our website or by contacting chemicalreview@apvma.gov.au.

Regards
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Stakeholder update

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has today announced a proposed decision to remove all domestic and home garden products containing the insecticide chlorpyrifos from Australian shelves within 28 days.

The Proposed Regulatory Decision (PRD) to suspend chlorpyrifos products with uses in home gardens, domestic, and certain public spaces after 28 days, and cancel these products after three months, is the result of a comprehensive review of the chemical's environmental and health impacts.

Chlorpyrifos can continue to be used in agricultural settings by following label directions and using good agrochemical hygiene practices such as removing work clothing and boots before re-entering the home and regular washing of work clothing.

The full list of products affected is available on the [APVMA website](#), along with more information for farmers regarding the proposed decision on chlorpyrifos.

If you have any affected products that do not have agricultural uses, contact your local state or territory agricultural chemical regulator or [ChemClear](#) can provide advice on disposal.

The APVMA is now consulting with anyone who uses chlorpyrifos for agricultural, biosecurity, or permitted purposes. This will allow the APVMA to more fully understand these use patterns of chlorpyrifos before making a proposed regulatory decision on these categories of chlorpyrifos products.

To participate in [this consultation](#) visit our website.

