

# Clackamas Growers and Applicators



## KEEP IT LOCAL!

### Avoid state and federal regulation of pesticides

## SET YOUR COURSE

The Clackamas River serves a wide variety of purposes, from forestry to agriculture that includes hay farmers, Christmas tree growers and nurseries. It is also a recreational playground for thousands of fishermen, floaters and sightseers, and the drinking water source for nearly 400,000 people. This river is the spawning and rearing area for five threatened and endangered salmon and trout species.

With so much going on, there is an increasing need to work together in order to keep this watershed healthy and productive - for all that live, work and play here.

**The Problem:** The Clackamas Watershed is under increasing pressure, from water temperature to water quantity and water quality. Water quality data has been collected in each sub-watershed over the past 10 years. Samples have been analyzed for 147 different pesticides and their constituents. The results indicate where pesticides are impacting surface and ground water and, what the potential land uses are that may be contributing to the pesticide detections. Some samples show ongoing and concerning concentrations of pesticides or their residues in key sub-watersheds.

**The Solution:** We need your advice and expertise. Help us understand how pesticides are applied to gardens, lawns, crops and nursery stock. Work with Clackamas River Basin Council, Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District and Oregon State University to create a plan for the Clackamas Watershed to reduce or eliminate concerning pesticide detections. Avoid burdensome regulations, while ensuring an environment that is healthier for fish, wildlife and the 400,000 people that drink Clackamas River water.

## Taking local control:

This voluntary process to create a local strategic plan calls for significant involvement from the applicator community.

Your time investment in providing information and/or participating on a Coordinating Council will result in voluntary guidelines to minimize pesticide contamination. Together, we can avoid further regulation of pesticides!

## We're here to help:

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