

# DON'T BE A LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS FOR BEES. TAKE THE BEE-KILLER OFF YOUR SHELVES.



Dear **LOWE'S**,

**TRICK-OR-TREAT.**

**GIVE BEES SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT.**

As a Lowe's customer, I urge Lowe's to protect bees and other pollinators essential to the environment and one out of every three bites of food we eat. Populations are in dying at alarming rates globally and a growing body of science has implicated the world's most widely used class of insecticides, neonicotinoids (neonics), as a leading driver to bee declines. They are also harming birds, butterflies, reptiles, earthworms and soil microbes, which are essential for healthy ecosystems and food production.

**Recent tests have found these bee-killing pesticides in "bee-friendly" home garden plants sold at Lowe's stores have been pre-treated with neonics—with no warning to consumers.**

Customers like me may unknowingly purchase these plants with the intent of providing habitats for bees and other pollinators, but end up causing them harm. Products containing these same pesticides are also on Lowe's shelves. Obviously, this situation does not benefit bees, customers like me, or my trust in you as a retailer.

Europe as well as cities across the U.S. have restricted neonics. The majority of the UK's large garden and home improvement retailers are refusing to sell them and over a dozen retailers across the country have followed suit. BJ's Wholesale Club, a retailer with more than 200 locations in 15 states eliminated neonics from its store. Home Depot, the world's largest home improvement retailer agreed to label all plants treated with neonics by the end of 2014 and is working with its suppliers on alternatives.

This week people in cities across the U.S. and Canada are visiting, calling and writing Lowe's, and an international coalition of organizations is delivering a letter and petitions signed by more than a million people asking your company to follow suit.

**Lowe's, don't be a little shop of horrors for bees—give bees treats, not tricks and stop selling off-the-shelf bee-killing pesticides and plants pre-treated with these pesticides.** Your customers will thank you and so will the bees and other pollinators essential to our food supply and the environment. To learn more please visit [www.BeeAction.org](http://www.BeeAction.org) or contact [beeaction@foe.org](mailto:beeaction@foe.org).

Sincerely,

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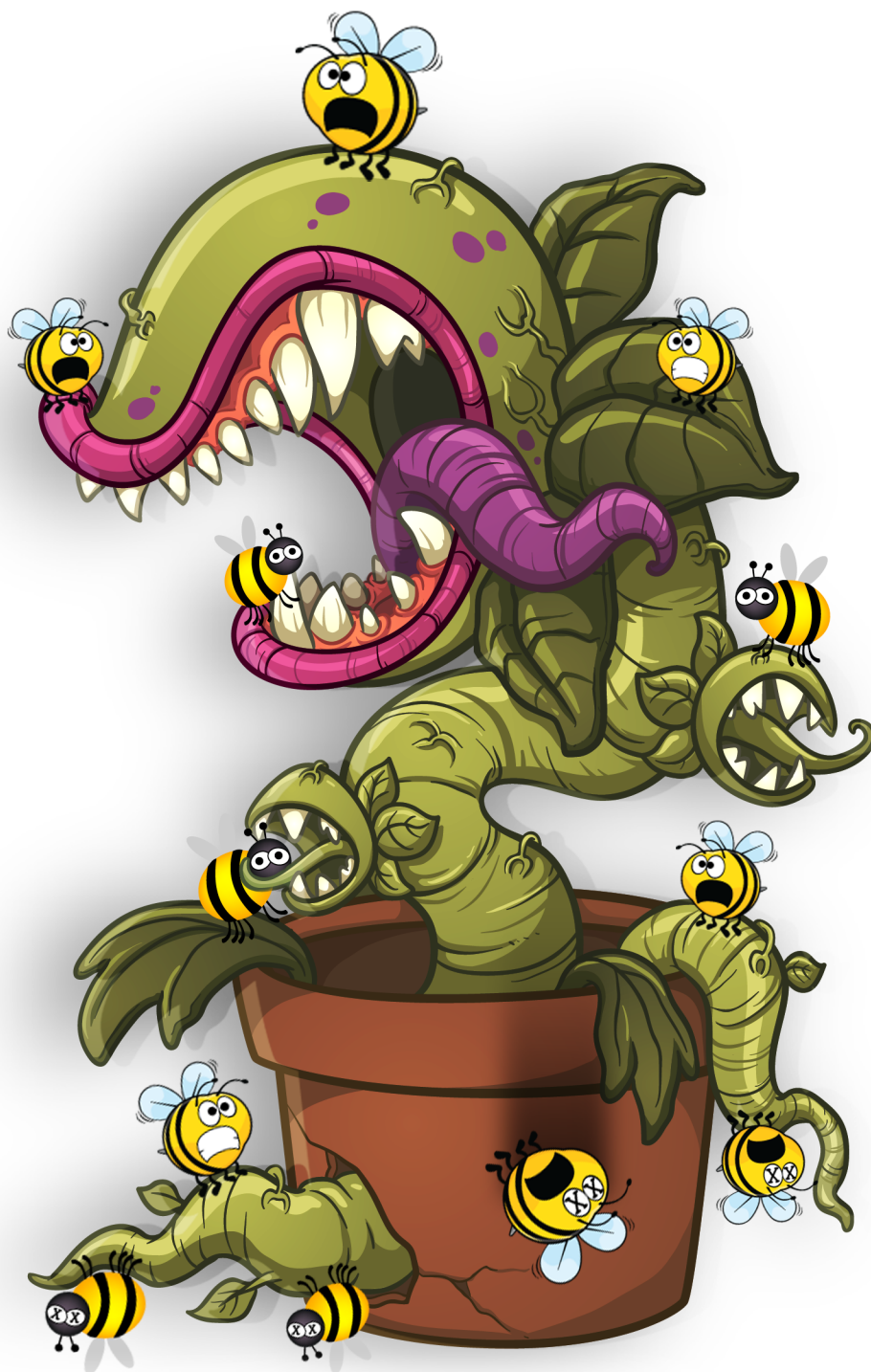
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