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## News Release – May 16, 2018

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### **Pesticides in the Hood River Watershed**

*The last in a 3-part series of informational forums about pesticides.*

**HOOD RIVER, ORE.** – Beyond Toxics, in partnership with Columbia Riverkeeper, is giving the last presentation in a series of May community forums. The forum will be held on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Riverside Community Church. The ***Pesticides in Our Communities*** Series aims to engage the Hood River community in a dialog about concerns around the use of pesticides.

The first part of the series was on May 3<sup>rd</sup> which talked about the impact pesticides have on health. The second forum, ***Protecting Pollinators from Pesticides*** on May 16<sup>th</sup>, looked at how pesticides impact pollinators and what is being done to protect them in Oregon. The series will conclude with ***Pesticides in Our Drinking Water***, an analysis of how pesticides enter Hood River area's water ways and the impacts they have on Oregonians who depend on those waterways for drinking water.

Beyond Toxics' Executive Director Lisa Arkin is the May 31 speaker. Arkin has been a leader for pesticide policy reform for over 15 years. She helped pass some of Oregon's pesticide policies, including the Oregon School Integrated Pest Management law.

All forums will begin at 6:30 pm and will be followed by community discussion to explore solutions, what work is being done now and how people can become involved.

**WHAT:** Pesticides in Our Communities Series: ***Pesticides in Our Drinking Water***

**WHEN:** Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>: 6-8 pm

**WHERE:** Riverside Community Church  
317 State St, Hood River, OR 97031

**COST:** FREE!

Light snacks and refreshments will be offered during this event. This a family-friendly event serving non-alcoholic beverages.

For more detail about the event: <http://www.beyondtoxics.org/events/>

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