

# Pesticide Liability & Regulation Updates (2026)

As of April 30, 2026, the U.S. House passed an amendment led by Anna Paulina Luna to remove liability protections for pesticide manufacturers from the Farm Bill. This effort aims to allow lawsuits against companies for harmful products.

Separately, Florida continues to regulate and restrict specific pesticides, including **Aldicarb, Bromacil, Methyl Bromide, and certain antifouling paints.**

## Key 2026 Legislative Updates (Florida & Federal)

- **Luna Amendment (Federal)**  
Passed **280–142**, this amendment removes provisions that previously shielded pesticide companies from liability related to health risks.
- **Senate Action (Pending)**  
Rep. Luna has warned that the Senate may attempt to reinstate these protections. Supporters are actively advocating to keep them removed.
- **Florida Bills (HB 433 / SB 290)**  
Proposed legislation sought to protect agricultural producers from liability when pesticide safety was challenged.  
These liability protection provisions were **removed from final versions in February 2026** following public outcry.

## Florida Regulated Pesticides (Chapter 487, Florida Statutes)

Florida specifically regulates the **use, storage, and disposal** of the following:

- Aldicarb
- Bromacil
- Methyl Bromide
- Organotin antifouling paints
- Organo-auxin herbicides

## Disposal of Pesticides in Florida

- **Operation Clean Sweep**  
The Florida Department of Environmental Protection offers a program to assist with the safe disposal of old or banned pesticides.
- **Consumer Disposal Guidance**
  - Do **not** place pesticides in the trash
  - Do **not** pour pesticides down drains
  - Follow product label instructions or contact local hazardous waste services

## General Pesticide Removal (Produce)

- **Baking Soda Solution**

Soaking produce in a mixture of:

- **2 teaspoons baking soda**
- **1 quart of water**

for **30 seconds** may help reduce surface pesticide residues.

## Important Safety Note

For immediate concerns regarding pesticide exposure, contact the **Poison Help Line: 1-800-222-1222**.

**Thank you to Anna Paulina Luna for leading this effort.**