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Hello PAULINE CLIFFORD,

Parents call our Center several times per day, asking about how to make pest control decisions that are safe for their families. We're writing to you because we would like to make more families aware of our service, which is free to all. Pests and pesticides can affect indoor air quality, which can impact vulnerable populations including asthma-sufferers. We aim to promote informed decision-making.

The National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) offers a toll-free number staffed by knowledgeable specialists seven days/week from 6:30am - 4:30pm PST. NPIC has real-time access to current, in-depth information for a national audience. We can even address questions in multiple languages such as Spanish, Mandarin, Russian and many more.

***If your community has questions like these, we've got answers:***

- ***Is spraying worse than the disease when it comes to vector control activities?***
- ***How toxic is this pesticide to people? To pets? To birds?***
- ***Is it safe to use insect repellents during pregnancy? On infants?***
- ***Is it worth the money to buy organic produce, or should I use veggie washes?***
- ***Can this pesticide cause cancer or birth defects?***

We enclosed a brochure and a flyer describing our **free** services. Use the business reply card to request more copies, free of charge. You're welcome to distribute our phone number in your newsletters, list-serves, posters and pesticide notification letters/postings.

If you have any questions about NPIC, please contact us at 1.800.858.7378 (PEST) or visit our website at [www.npic.orst.edu](http://www.npic.orst.edu).

*Thanks for your time!*

The National Pesticide Information Center team  
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P.S. If you would like to be notified when NPIC releases new publications, send an email to [npicupdates@ace.orst.edu](mailto:npicupdates@ace.orst.edu) with "subscribe" in the subject line.