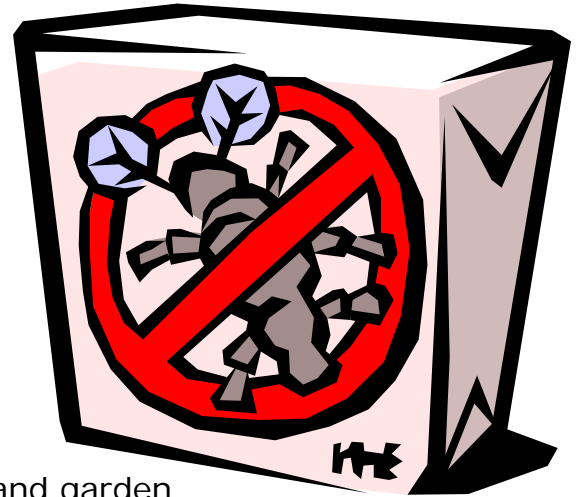


Beautiful lawns, gardens and parks can be maintained without using pesticides.

Pesticides kill indiscriminately, killing pests along with their natural insect predators. This leads to the irony of pesticide use: once insect predators are eliminated, pest populations grow unchecked - leading to ever-greater pesticide applications. Utilizing the basic principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), you can take charge of your home and garden without the use of pesticides and inspire others to do the same.



The facts of pesticide use in the home and garden are very surprising:

- Each year 67 million pounds of pesticides are applied to lawns.
- Suburban lawns and gardens receive far heavier pesticide applications per acre than most agricultural areas.
- Most consumers don't realize how potentially harmful they can be.
- Children are particularly vulnerable to pesticides, and the most likely to be exposed to lawn pesticides. Children living in homes using pesticides (indoor or outdoor) are at higher risk for developing brain cancer, childhood leukemia, lymphoma, and asthma.
- Pesticides are easily tracked indoors – an EPA study found 23 pesticides in dust and air inside homes.
- Lawn chemicals can harm pets. Dog owners who use the herbicide 2,4,-D four or more times per season, double their dog's risk of developing lymphoma.
- Garden chemicals harm the environment. The U.S. Geological Survey routinely finds every type of garden chemical – particularly weed killers – in the streams and rivers around urban centers.