

TURN THE TIDE GIFT BASKET: Tips for Giving Up Lawn and Garden Pesticides



So you're ready to give up pesticides but aren't sure how to keep the pests away?

Got ants? Mice? Grubs? The Pesticide Action Network North America's excellent Pesticide Advisor offers information on dealing with dozens of specific pest and pesticide problems. See <http://www.panna.org/resources/advisor.html>

Check your library or local bookstore for *The Chemical-Free Lawn* by Warren Schultz (Rodale Press, 1989)

National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides sells the book *Safety at Home: A Guide to the Hazards of Lawn and Garden Pesticides and Safer Ways to Manage Pests* (\$11) and numerous brochures (\$2 each) with tips for eliminating pesticide use. See <http://www.beyondpesticides.org/>

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WHY ARE LAWN PESTICIDES SO BAD?



A full 40 percent of pesticides used in the U.S. mimic hormones in our bodies, causing reproductive disorders and interfering with fetal development. Americans promote pesticide use every time we buy conventionally produced food and clothing, but we also directly apply 70 million pounds of pesticides to home lawns and gardens each year and, in so doing, pollute our precious water resources.

Pesticide use is a domestic environmental justice issue. In addition to long workdays and high risk of physical injury, the U.S.'s 2.5 million mostly poor farm workers face a greater risk of pesticide exposure than any other segment of the population. The death rate among agricultural workers nationwide was an estimated 20.9 per 100,000 workers in 1996 compared to the average for all industries of 3.9 per 100,000 workers.

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that 74 percent of Americans apply pesticides to their home lawns and gardens. These Americans apply 70 million pounds of active ingredient, or over 15 ounces per household, each year. The Union of Concerned Scientists has determined that this activity accounts for nearly ten-percent of our common water pollution.



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