

The Sudbury Board of Health would like you to know:

No Pesticide is completely safe:

Pesticides and herbicides are toxic to insects, animals, or plants. Just last year, the EPA took two commonly used household pesticides, chlorpyrifos (Dursban™ or Lorsban™), and diazinon off the market.

Pesticides Can Harm Children:

Children are potentially at increased risk for many health problems resulting from exposure to pesticides because of physiological and age-related factors. Exposure to pesticides around the house, even at low levels, may cause serious adverse health effects.

Before you consider using pesticides:

Learn about their hazards; consider organic gardening and landscaping techniques, integrated pest management (IPM) and the benefits to composting. There are many environmentally safe ways of combating pests that affect our homes, lawns, gardens, houseplants, pets, and families.

For More Information connect to:

www.ci.wellesley.ma.us/nrc/pesticide for up-to-date information on safer lawn care methods and pesticide alternatives.

www.sudburyedc.org Sudbury Earth Decade Committee website for information and links

www.massorganic.org Northeast Organic Farming Association

www.epa.gov/pesticides see Healthy Lawns Healthy Environments

<http://nptn.orst.edu> Nation Pesticide Telecommunications Network for information on a wide variety of pesticide-related subjects.

www.sudbury.ma.us/services/health for updates and disposal at hazardous waste collections.

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