



Toxics Use Reduction Institute

Working with Communities to Promote Pesticide Use Reduction


Activities of TURI and Massachusetts-Based Agencies and Groups

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Community Education Program

- Toxics Use Reduction Networking (TURN) Grant Program
 - Establish 1996
 - 10k to municipalities and environmental/community organizations
 - 67 projects funded to date
- Community Website
- General Education and Outreach



Goals

- Raise awareness about toxics and toxics use reduction strategies
- Train the trainer
- Promote model community projects for replication
- Create model policies and practices
- Create network of citizens/officials promoting TUR.




Audiences

- NGOs
 - Community, Environmental, Worker H&S, Children's Health, Religious
- Health Agents
- Boards of Health
- Department of Public Works
- Water Treatment Operators
- Schools
- Fire Departments
- Local Emergency Planning Commissions
- Police
- Conservation Commissions
- Affordable Housing Agencies



How we work with Communities

- Education Training
 - Toxics, Toxics Use Reduction, Green Building, Integrated Pest Management, TUR in Food Establishments, Nail Salons, DPWs, Schools, Janitorial Cleaning
- Support Collaboration/Networking
- Provide technical resources (library, chemical research, laboratory)
- Grants



Health Officials Training

- Several years with general trainings with Massachusetts Health Officers Association
 - 2001 Survey of Interests
 - DFA training statewide on Integrated Pest Mgmt.



Special Trainings

- Created Pollution Prevention advanced course as part of Massachusetts Community Preservation Institute
- LEPC trainings on Emerging Issues in Toxics and Environmental Health



Supporting Collaboration

Newton Green Decade Coalition and Newton Board of Health, 1996

- Community education program on pesticides and alternatives
- Library resource center
- Newton adopted first Town Integrated Pest Management Policy



Supporting Collaboration

Marblehead 'Living Lawn' Demonstration, 1999- 2000

Marblehead Pesticide Awareness Committee partnering with Health Department, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Department

- Community Pesticide Education Program
- Created Business Conference for Local Landscapers
- Simple Steps to a Living Lawn and Pesticide Brochures
- Built Demonstration Lawn Site
- Saturday Organic Lawn Care Classes
- Health Dept. requested assistance on an Organic Land Care Policy for Town-owned Property



Supporting Collaboration

Wellesley Pesticide Awareness Collaborative 2000-2001

Wellesley Health Department

- Required citizen/health agent partnership in each town
- Literature, displays, a web site, informational forums, guide for running a community education campaign
- 17 Health Departments mailed Pesticide Alerts and information on alternatives



Supporting Collaboration


Lexington Health Department 2002

TUR in Food Establishments

- Surveyed restaurants and schools on toxics used (mainly pesticides, disinfectants, cleaners)
- Identified opportunities to reduce toxics
- Developed Training Program
- Model IPM Plan for Food Establishments (regulation)

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Supporting Collaboration



Westford Water Department, 2004

Bridging Pesticide and Human Health Awareness with Water Resource Protection

- Six town partnership (Chelmsford, Carlisle, Littleton, Concord, Acton)
- Information will be disseminated to veterinarian clinics, pediatrician and medical offices, Board of Health offices, day care centers, and local nurseries.
- Partner with nurseries to sponsor free organic lawn care workshops to the public.
- Integrated Pest Management to their school systems.



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Reduce Our Pesticide Program

Household Schools Municipal Small Business Industry

Overview

Welcome! This site is a compilation of projects, materials and policies developed by community/environmental organizations and local governments under the Toxics Use Reduction Networking (TURN) Grant Program. Here you will find information about toxic chemicals in communities and what Massachusetts communities are doing to reduce them. TURN encourages citizen involvement in the State's TURN Program, fosters collaborative action, and develops model projects and materials for other communities to replicate. There are also extensive links to additional resources under each sector.

News and Events

Community Grant Projects to be recognized at the State House, June 11 00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. in Great Hall. Join us!

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Other Massachusetts Pesticide Education Efforts

- Wellesley Pesticide Awareness Collaborative
- Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow
- DAR Water Resource Work, IPM training, Spanish Structural IPM outreach, CFPA work
- CFPA School IPM Outreach
 - Newton and IPM Institute Certification
- Aquatic Weed Control Efforts
- Mosquito Control Efforts
- Roadside Herbicide Coalitions
- State Sustainability Efforts

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Other Massachusetts Pesticide Education Efforts

- NOFA Organic Turf Training
- UMASS Green School and Turf Program
- UMASS Cranberry IPM Station, Wareham
- Don Rivard's work in inner-city structural IPM education
- Manomet Wildlife Research
- USGS Water Quality Monitoring
- Toxics Action – Chemlawn Campaign
- Municipal IPM and Organic Policy Work

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