



NJEF Action Alert! Promote Pesticide-Free Zones!!



NJ Environmental Federation (NJEF) and *Beyond Pesticides* are working to promote the designation of "Pesticide-Free Zones" (PFZ) in public parks and playgrounds.

We believe the use of toxic lawn pesticides is both harmful and unnecessary. Lawn pesticides are associated with various forms of cancer, nervous system disorders, respiratory problems and learning disabilities. Moreover, it is entirely possible to maintain a lush, green park without using toxic pesticides.

The problem: Although numerous communities support the idea of pesticide free lawns and parks (50 towns have already passed IPM policy resolutions and 31 towns/schools/counties have actually designated township parks as "PFZ" and displayed the PFZ signs at the parks) it has not yet become a reality for every town in New Jersey. As a result, toxic pesticides are still being sprayed where our animals and children play.

Take Action!

Please help make public parks and playgrounds safer places for our children and pets to play by promoting "Pesticide Free Zones" PFZ in your community!

Call and/or write a letter to your Mayor and Council! Attend the next Council meeting and ask that the Mayor and Council pass a PFZ resolution. NJEF will provide one free sign to any town who designates a park as PFZ. For model resolution and more info, visit:

www.cleanwateraction.org/programinitiative/pesticides-free-campaign

Sample letter, please personalize

Dear Mayor & Council,

I am writing to request that the Mayor & Council adopt a Township Resolution supporting "Pesticide Free Zones" (PFZ) in public parks.

The use of toxic lawn pesticides in public parks is both harmful and unnecessary. Lawn pesticides are associated with various forms of cancer, nervous system disorders, respiratory problems and learning disabilities.

I hope you can pass a PFZ resolution—and create safe and healthy parks for our children and pets to play.

Sincerely,

Include name, address and ask for a response

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