

DID YOU KNOW THAT LAWNS CAN KILL?

- A LAWNMOWER POLLUTES AS MUCH IN 1 HOUR AS DOES DRIVING AN AUTOMOBILE FOR 350 MILES.
- 30 TO 60 PERCENT OF URBAN FRESH WATER IS USED FOR WATERING LAWNS.
- \$5,250,000,000 IS SPENT ON FOSSIL FUEL-DERIVED FERTILIZERS FOR U.S. LAWNS.
- 67,000,000 POUNDS OF SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES ARE USED ON U.S. LAWNS.
- 60,000 TO 70,000 SEVERE ACCIDENTS RESULT FROM LAWNMOWERS.
- 580,000,000 GALLONS OF GASOLINE ARE USED FOR LAWNMOWERS.
- \$25,000,000,000 IS SPENT FOR THE LAWN CARE INDUSTRY.
- \$700,000,000 IS SPENT FOR PESTICIDES FOR U.S. LAWNS.
- 20,000,000 ACRES ARE PLANTED IN RESIDENTIAL LAWNS.
- POWERED MOWERS CONTRIBUTE TO NOISE POLLUTION AND HEARING LOSS.
- ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST THE MISUSE OF PESTICIDES (NCAMP), IF YOU HAVE YOUR LAWN CHEMICALLY TREATED, TAKE THESE PRECAUTIONS: DO NOT WALK BAREFOOT ON IT; DO NOT BREATHE NEAR IT; CONFINE CHILDREN, PETS AND TOYS INSIDE; CLOSE WINDOWS!
- WILDLIFE SPECIALISTS CALL BIRD POISONINGS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS "LAWNCARE SYNDROME." SYMPTOMS INCLUDE EXCESSIVE SALIVATION, GRAND MAL SEIZURES, WILD FLAPPING AND SCREAMING, MOST OFTEN FOLLOWED BY DEATH.
- ALTHOUGH THE FARMER USES PESTICIDES MORE WIDELY, THE HOMEOWNER USES 10 TIMES MORE PER ACRE THAN DO FARMERS!

THINK ABOUT IT! DON'T THOSE WILDFLOWER MEADOWS
AND NATIVE PLANTS MAKE A LOT MORE SENSE?

LET'S SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE WITH OUR FRIENDS, OUR FELLOW GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS,
AND OUR COMMUNITIES! GO NATIVE!

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