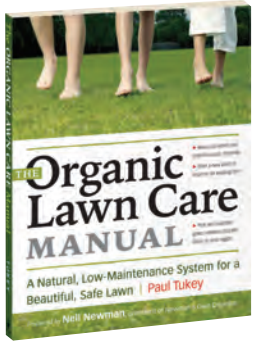


# Natural Lawn Care



## OUR MISSION

To create a broad-based coalition of non- and for-profit organizations committed to educating society about the benefits of organic lawn care and gardening, and affecting a quantum change in consumer and industry behavior.



For the most in depth lawn information, check out Paul Tukey's book, *The Organic Lawn Care Manual* wherever books are sold. For a signed copy, visit [www.safelawns.org](http://www.safelawns.org)

## The Benefits

- 1) A Reduction of dust and air pollution from the air.
- 2) A reduction of high temperatures and noise levels in urban areas.
- 3) The creation of critical shelter and food for wildlife.
- 4) A reduction of energy consumption.
- 5) Filtration of potential air, soil and water pollutants.
- 6) Reduction of erosion, stream sedimentation and flooding.
- 7) Safety for children, pets, adults and wildlife.
- 8) Improved health and removal of pesticide exposure to children, adults, pets and wildlife.
- 9) Increased healthy soils.
- 10) Attracting wildlife and beneficial insects.
- 11) A reduction in costs.
- 12) Pest reduction.

## Lawns & Legislative Action

- 1) The Canadian Supreme Court upheld the lawn pesticide ban in the town of Hudson, Quebec, that was instituted in 1991. The entire province of Quebec now bans lawn chemicals, along with several other Canadian municipalities including Halifax and Toronto.
- 2) The state of Connecticut enacted a law in 2006 that restricted the use of lawn chemicals around schools and daycare centers, grades K-8. A bill is pending that would extend the ban to high schools.
- 3) The state of Minnesota has enacted a law banning lawn fertilizers that contain phosphorus, which is known to cause the eutrophication of lakes.
- 4) The town of Marblehead, Mass., banned lawn chemicals on public properties beginning in 2001, serving as a model for numerous other Massachusetts municipalities, which have followed suit.
- 5) Dane County Wisconsin banned the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus in 2005.
- 6) Sarasota, Fla., is currently in a court battle with RISE, a fertilizer industry lobbying group, about its own attempt to limit fertilizer applications to tow lawns.
- 7) The state of Maine is currently debating a phosphorus-free fertilizer mandate, and the Governor has tentatively agreed to introduced a bill based on the Connecticut day care law.

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