



**Camden Friends of the Earth
& Pesticide Action Network
are calling for Camden
residents to be
#PesticideBusters and create
a #PesticideFreeCamden**

What's wrong with pesticides?

Pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides and fungicides, are

used in our towns and cities to control a range of perceived problems, including weeds. Non agricultural pesticides are used in schools, parks, playgrounds, hospitals and on our streets. These are all areas used on a daily basis by the public and often by those most vulnerable to the adverse effects of pesticides. In fact more people are exposed to pesticides on a daily basis in our towns and cities than are people living in the countryside.

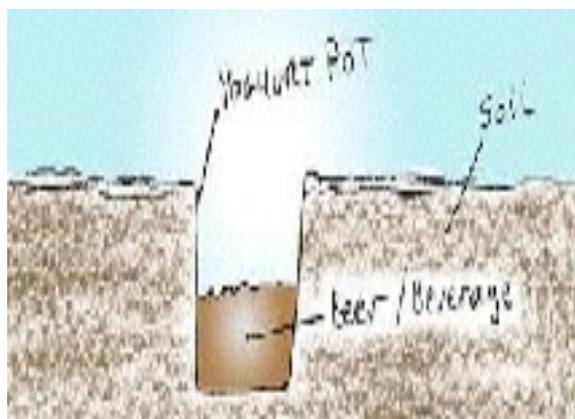
However, more and more evidence is showing that the use of these chemicals can lead to serious issues in terms of negative human health impacts, harm to biodiversity and the wider environment and contamination of water supplies. There are rising incidents of childhood diseases that can be linked to increases in pesticide use. Pesticide use has a negative effect on urban wildlife and is a contributory factor in the decline of hedgehogs for example, and pesticides used in towns and cities find their way into water supplies and the cost for removing these is then passed on to the public in our water bills.

What are we calling for?

1. The London Borough of Camden to stop using all hazardous pesticides where a non-hazardous alternative is available, whether by themselves or by sub-contractors. This should be in all areas under their control such as parks, streets etc. You can find our petition online on www.camdenfoe.org.uk
2. Residents to make a personal commitment to avoid hazardous pesticides. You can find some ideas overleaf and on our website.
3. Local garden centres to stop stocking the most hazardous pesticides. You can download a sample letter and also update us on what hazardous pesticides are for sale near you on our website.

Some of our favourite alternatives #PesticideBusters

Beer traps for slugs



Regular weeding



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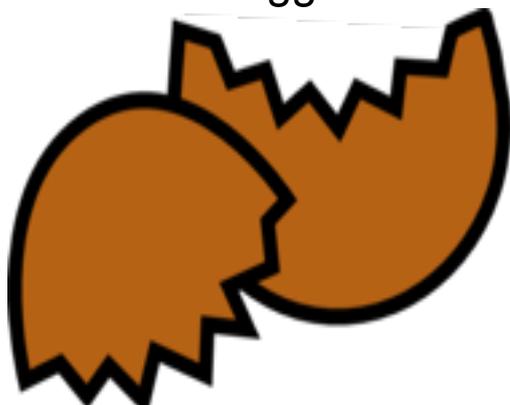
Mulching



Building an insect hotel



Broken eggshells



Hot foam spray



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