

Did you know you can maintain a beautiful lawn without the use of chemicals?

YES

NO

Exactly right, you can! Depending on the level of management, Iowa lawns can be diverse or weed-free; both are beautiful! Visit our website for resources on how to maintain a healthy, chemical-free lawn.

Mow regularly (2-3" on rye/fescue, 1-1½" on bent grass) and leave the clippings. Fertilize only when needed with organic fertilizers, irrigate deeply, but not as often to build deeper roots.

Did you know there are ways to deal with a common lawn and garden pests without spraying?

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Perfect! Building healthy garden soil with compost and mulch allow soil organisms to protect plants from many diseases and insect problems

Use a variety of plants, to allow for the plants to replace each other. Native plants add a beautiful look to your yard and reduce the cost of maintenance too!

Did you know that there are potential risks that come with spraying?

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Studies show a correlation between exposure to pesticides and childhood cancers and decreased cognitive development, even if exposed in the womb. Visit www.goodneighboriowa.org/evidence-of-harm/ for more risk factors with pesticides.

Pesticides don't affect weeds alone! They diminish biodiversity, the lifeline of pollinators, and even make their way into your homes by shoes, pets and air.

DO YOU SPRAY YOUR LAWN WITH PESTICIDES (HERBICIDES, INSECTICIDES, OR FUNGICIDES?)

YES

NO

Have you pledged your lawn to Good Neighbor Iowa?

YES

NO

Thank you for being a Good Neighbor and taking the pledge! Your pledge keeps children, pollinators, waterways, and household pets safe and clean!

Go to goodneighboriowa.com and join today! There you can pledge the turf you manage to be pesticide-free – we all play a role in our community's environmental health!

Want more information? Visit us at goodneighboriowa.org! Pledge to be pesticide free!

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