

## Naperville residents want chemical weed killer ban made permanent in parks



Nearly 20 people, many armed with signs, attended the Naperville Park Board meeting Thursday to urge trustees to implement a permanent ban on the use of some chemical weed killers in parks. (Erin Hegarty / Naperville Sun)

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A group of [Naperville](#) residents accompanied by environmental experts lobbied the Naperville Park Board this week to make permanent a ban on using Roundup and other chemical weed killers in city parks.

"The thing of this is, we're talking about toxic chemicals," said Naperville resident Keith Klingeman, one of about 20 people to attend the Thursday meeting. *"It's about safety and proper usage and being responsible."*

The Naperville Park District temporarily suspended the use of Monsanto's Roundup brand of herbicide glyphosate on playgrounds in June after a sign alerting residents it had been applied brought the issue to the public's attention and a petition drive to stop the practice was launched. Park officials agreed to experiment with organic weed control products to test their effectiveness.

The potential human and environmental risks associated with Roundup and glyphosate — and where the herbicides should and shouldn't be used — has been a matter of debate in recent years.

Klingeman and others at the meeting said they believed the use of some chemicals, such as those used in Roundup, pose a risk to both humans and nature.

*"We haven't even talked about the bumble bees and the monarchs,"* Klingeman said. *"All of these chemicals flow back in — it's an ecosystem."*

The experts who spoke argued against the use of weed-killing chemicals, saying children spend more time playing in grassy areas and as a result are at a higher risk of being harmed by them.

*"You have to think of them as little metabolic machines,"* said Susan Buchanan, clinical associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago

and director of the Great Lakes Center for Children's Environmental Health. According to Buchanan, some studies have linked pesticide exposure to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and lower IQ scores.

*"Based on my expertise, I strongly urge you not to use pesticides on any surface where people will play,"* Buchanan said.

Ryan Anderson, program and communications manager for Midwest Pesticide Action Center, suggested the city adopt an Integrated Pest Management program.

The program would involve avoiding chemicals with words like danger and caution on the labels, adhering to proper watering amounts and grass height, and aerating at the correct times each year.

*"View the grass as your own internal body,"* Anderson said.

Mike Reilly, president of the Naperville Park Board, said district staff will present their findings on the use of organic weed control products after summer ends. Until then, the ban on Roundup and similar chemical weed killers will continue, he said.

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#### NORAHG Response

### **GLYPHOSATE HAS BEEN VINDICATED, AGAIN !**

National regulatory agencies around the world have vindicated glyphosate — these agencies include those within the European Union, the United States, the United Nations, and Canada.

For example, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency ( PMRA ) has reached the following conclusions about Glyphosate —

- Glyphosate is NOT expected to pose risks of concern to human health or the environment
- Health Canada has granted the continued registration of Glyphosate
- NO pesticide regulatory authority in the world considers Glyphosate to be a carcinogenic risk of concern
- NO risk of concerns to human health or the environment have been identified with Glyphosate's surfactants, like Polyethoxylated Tallow Amines ( POEA )
- Non-occupational risks are NOT of concern
- Non-occupational risks from by-stander dermal exposure are NOT of concern
- Overall, there are currently NO environmental incident reports involving Glyphosate in Canada
- Products containing Glyphosate are UNLIKELY to affect your health
- To further protect workers entering treated sites, a Restricted-Entry Interval of 12 hours is now required for agricultural uses of Glyphosate
- The dietary risks for Glyphosate are NOT a risk of concern • There are NO health concerns with Glyphosate for all segments of the population, including pregnant and nursing women, infants, children, and seniors, when all possible food sources are eaten every day, over a life-time
- There is NO expectation of risk of concern for pollinators, beneficial insects, and amphibians.

Health Canada's evidence in favour of Glyphosate is overwhelming. ( See links below. )

Health Canada is responsible for administering the Pest Control Products Act on behalf of the Minister of Health. At Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency ( PMRA ), before a pest control product is allowed to be used or sold in Canada, it must undergo a rigorous scientific assessment process which provides reasonable certainty that NO HARM WILL OCCUR, including chronic effects such as cancer, when used according to label directions.

## **FACTS ABOUT THE REAL TRENDS AGAINST GLYPHOSATE BANS !**

✓ **FACT** -- Glyphosate Has Been Vindicated World-Wide -- [LINK](#)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/10/14/glyphosate-herbicide-will-not-cause-cancer-glyphosate-vindicated-around-the-world-2016-09-30/>

✓ **FACT** -- Glyphosate Has Been Vindicated By The **European Union ( EU )** -- **LINKS**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2017/04/18/glyphosate-herbicide-will-not-cause-cancer-glyphosate-vindicated-by-european-chemicals-agencys-echa-committee-for-risk-assessment-rac-victory-against-terrorists-2017-0/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/01/08/glyphosate-herbicide-will-not-cause-cancer-the-2015-glyphosate-expert-panel-of-scientists-european-food-safety-authority-efsa-2015-12-08-2/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/07/25/glyphosate-herbicide-will-not-be-prohibited-in-the-european-union-victory-against-terrorists-glyphosate-license-extended-for-18-months-real-trends-against-pesticide-bans-2016-06-28/>

✓ **FACT** -- Glyphosate Has Been Vindicated By The **United Nations ( UN )** -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/05/21/glyphosate-herbicide-will-not-cause-cancer-victory-against-terrorists-proposal-for-prohibition-against-glyphosate-herbicide-stopped-in-the-european-union-real-trends-against-pe/>

✓ **FACT** -- Glyphosate Has Been Vindicated By The **United States ( US )** -- **LINKS**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/09/25/glyphosate-herbicide-will-not-cause-cancer-again-us-epa-is-successfully-separating-a-health-scare-from-a-health-threat-2016-09-17/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/09/20/glyphosate-issue-paper-evaluation-of-carcinogenic-potential-epas-office-of-pesticide-programs-september-12-2016/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/05/13/glyphosate-herbicide-will-not-cause-cancer-us-epa-review-panel-report-has-discredited-iarc-2016-05-03-2/>

✓ **FACT** -- Glyphosate Has Been Vindicated By **Canada** -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2017/05/17/update-glyphosate-herbicide-vindicated-by-health-canada-frequently-asked-questions-on-the-re-evaluation-of-glyphosate-the-library-of-updates-warnings-2017-04-28/>

## **NORAHG Response**

# **CHILDREN ARE NOT AT RISK WITH PESTICIDES IN NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS !**

**CHILDREN ARE SAFER WITH PESTICIDES !** — Left-wing pesticide-hating enviro-fanatics are **WRONG** ! Pest control products are scientifically-safe, and will **NOT** cause harm to children. Allegations about the imaginary danger to children are totally false, and are untrue mis-representations designed to alarm and enrage the public for mere money and profit given to anti-pesticide & environmental-terrorist organizations. The risk assessment of conventional pest control products indicates that they are scientifically-

safe, and, when used properly, will NOT cause harm to children, people, animals, or the environment.

**CHILDREN ARE IN DANGER BECAUSE OF PROHIBITION !** — Children are at risk from dangerous pest-infested playing surfaces which are created by #@!!% pesticide bans ! No one wants this #@!!% dangerous ban nonsense that places children at risk !

**CHILDREN ARE SAFE ON A PESTICIDE-TREATED LAWN !** — Leading scientific experts, like Dr Katherine von Stackelberg, say they would NOT hesitate to let their children play on a lawn where lawn care products have been used as long as the products were applied according to label directions.

**CHILDREN ARE SAFE WITH 2,4-D !** — According to another leading expert, Dr James S Bus, there is NO evidence that common lawn herbicides like 2,4-D cause cancer or any health problems in children. Dr Bus has also stated that there is NO regulatory agency in the world that regards pest control products like 2,4-D as a threat to children's health.

**2,4-D IS SAFE FOR KIDS !** — According to yet another leading expert, Mr William Jordan, Deputy Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ( EPA ), parents DO NOT need to worry as long as a pest control product is used correctly. The EPA has spent a lot of time looking at products like 2,4-D, and has concluded that it is SAFE FOR KIDS.

**CHILDREN ARE NOT SAFE WITH PROHIBITION !** — Any form of prohibition actually harms children and represents a danger to children ! Because of prohibition, children are forced to play on #@!!% pest-infested and dangerous garbage dumps !

**CHILDREN CANNOT PLAY BECAUSE OF PROHIBITION !** — In Hamilton, Ontario, children cannot play on the grass because of the proliferation of weeds. In 2007, Hamilton imposed a prohibition against pest control products used in the urban landscape. Since then, no one wants this #@!!% dangerous ban nonsense that places their children at risk !

**CHILDREN ARE IN DANGER BECAUSE PROHIBITION ATTRACTS BEES !** — In jurisdictions like Wallingford, Connecticut, there is a fear of litigation with pesticide-free playing surfaces which have been infested with weeds, like clover and dandelion, that have been attracting bees. What if children get stung and what if they are allergic to bees ?!?! Clover attracts bees that can harm children and kill people. Clover attracts killer bees. For people who are allergic to bee stings, dangerous anaphylactic reaction may be triggered

and may be potentially deadly. Additionally, honey bee stings will release pheromones that prompt other nearby bees to attack. Consequently, no one wants this #@!!% dangerous ban nonsense that places their children at risk !

**THE INDUSTRY TASK FORCE II ON 2,4-D RESEARCH DATA** — The 2,4-D Task Force is comprised of those companies owning the technical registrations on the active ingredient in 2,4-D herbicides. The Task Force II was organized to provide massive scientific funding for the ongoing Good Laboratory Practice ( GLP ) research studies required to respond to the US Environmental Protection Agency ( US EPA ) Registration Review and Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency ( PMRA ) Pesticide Re-Evaluation Programs. It is widely recognized that these national regulatory agencies are leading world authorities on pesticide toxicology, exposure, and epidemiology. They conduct an exhaustive series of scientific risk assessments to evaluate the human health and environmental impacts of 2,4-D prior to its registration. Currently-used pest control products like 2,4-D have been tested in more ways than virtually any other set of substances. The general standard for the registration of a pest control product is that there are no unreasonable adverse effects to humans or the environment when the pesticide is used according to label directions.

**PESTICIDES ARE SAFE !** — The risk assessment of conventional pest control products indicates that they are scientifically-safe, and, when used properly, will NOT cause harm to children, people, animals, or the environment.

## **FACTS THAT PROVE CHILDREN ARE NOT AT RISK WITH PESTICIDES !**

✓ **FACT** -- Children Are Safe On A Pesticide-Treated Lawn -- Dr Katherine Von Stackelberg -- **LINKS**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/02/28/latest-research-reports-proper-use-of-lawn-care-products-are-not-a-health-threat-hot-topics-turfgrass-producers-international/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Force-Of-Nature-24-D-Herbicide-2012-02-01-UPDATE-Implausible-Carcinogenic-Outcomes-Von-Stackelberg-Study-pdf-300-dpi.pdf>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/02/28/24-d-herbicide-highly-implausible-carcinogenic-outcomes-with-24-d-the-von-stackelberg-study-2012-02-01/>

✓ **FACT** -- Children Are Safe With 2,4-D -- Dr James S Bus -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/05/08/24-d-is-safe-experts-speaking-out-against-24-d-phobic-terrorism-in-manitoba-no-evidence-that-24-d-causes-cancer-or-any-health-problems-in-children-dr-james-s-bus-24-d-herbicide/>

✓ **FACT** -- 2,4-D Is Safe For Kids -- Mr William Jordan -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/08/21/surprise-epa-says-24-d-safe-for-kids-william-jordan-deputy-director/>

✓ **FACT** -- Our Children Are Safe When Pesticide Bans Are Stopped -- Real Trends AGAINST Pesticide Bans -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2012/10/11/posters-there-is-a-real-trend-against-pesticide-bans-victories-against-terrorists-our-children-are-safe-when-pesticide-bans-are-stopped-2012-10-11/>

✓ **FACT** -- Children Are Not Safe With Prohibition -- **LINKS**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/carnage-leading-to-garbage-dumps/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/carnage-leading-to-garbage-dump-green-spaces-photo-gallery/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/01/19/emerald-ash-borer-wisconsin-municipalities-safe-effective-insecticide-treatments-versus-chain-saws-2014-01-05/>

✓ **FACT** -- Children Cannot Play Because Of Prohibition -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/05/07/hamilton-ontario-pesticide-ban-hamiltons-parks-under-siege-from-dandelions-garbage-dump-green-spaces-exorbitant-costs-failure-of-ipm-children-at-risk-2013-04-08/>

✓ **FACT** -- Children Are In Danger Because Prohibition Attracts Bees -- **LINKS**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/02/10/safe-school-act-pesticide-free-failure-public-act-99-165-organic-pesticides-dont-work-pesticide-herbicide-ban-makes-field-maintenance-challenging/>

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/46985461/Force-of-Nature-Green-Alternative-Clover-as-Turf-Substitute-2010-07-31-BOGUS-DANGEROUS-CAPE-MODIFIED-PDF-300-Dpi>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Force-Of-Nature-Culprit-Tukey-2010-03-14-Wisdom-of-Drysdale-Carleton-24-D-Clover-Bees-CAPE-pdf.pdf>

✓ **FACT** -- Pest Control Products Have Been Tested In More Ways Than Virtually Any Other Set Of Substances -- The Industry Task Force II On 2,4-D Research Data -- **LINKS**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Force-Of-Nature-UPDATE-24-D-2013-05-30-The-Industry-Task-Force-II-On-24-D-Research-Data-Gray-Burns-Mahlburg-pdf.pdf>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/06/06/the-industry-task-force-ii-on-24-d-research-data-update-on-24-d-herbicide-gray-burns-mahlburg-2013-05-30/>

✓ **FACT** -- Pesticides Are Safe -- **LINKS**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/03/01/pesticides-are-scientifically-safe-safe-to-use-less-lethal-to-humans-than-caffeine-2014-02-27/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/children-are-not-at-risk/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/06/25/pesticides-evaluated-as-acceptable-for-continued-registration-by-health-canada-2013-03-31/>



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### **FACTS PROVING THAT PESTICIDES ARE SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE !**

✓ **FACT** -- Pesticides Are Less Lethal To Humans Than Caffeine -- **LINK**

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✓ **FACT** -- Children Are Not At Risk From Pesticides -- Dangerous Playing Surfaces Are Created By #@!!% Pesticide Bans -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/children-are-not-at-risk/>

✓ **FACT** -- Pest Control Products Are Safe For Kids -- **Slide Show** -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/08/30/a-look-at-safety-environment-facts-pest-control-products-are-safe-for-kids-slide-show-2016-08-31/>

✓ **FACT** -- Chemicals Are Evaluated For Carcinogenic Potential By Environmental Protection Agency ( EPA ) -- **LINKS**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Force-Of-Nature-Myth-BUSTING-Cancer-2012-11-00-Chemicals-Evaluated-for-Carcinogenic-Potential-EPA-pdf-300-dpi.pdf>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/04/17/chemicals-evaluated-for-carcinogenic-potential-environmental-protection-agency-epa-2012-11-00/>

✓ **FACT** -- Pesticides Are Evaluated As Acceptable For Continued Registration By Health Canada -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/06/25/pesticides-evaluated-as-acceptable-for-continued-registration-by-health-canada-2013-03-31/>

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✓ **FACT** -- Pesticides Are Health Canada Approved -- Listen To Mr Lindsay Hanson From The Pest Management Regulatory Agency -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/dirtybit/LHansonPMRAottawaPesticideSafety.mp3>

✓ **FACT** -- There Is No Direct Proof Pesticides Cause Cancer -- Canadian Cancer Society -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/canadian-cancer-society-no-conclusive-link-between-pesticides-and-cancer/>

✓ **FACT** -- REAL Experts Speak Out Against The Conspiracy To Impose Reckless & Arbitrary Prohibition Against Conventional Pest Control Products -- **LINK**

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/11/14/the-wisdom-of-real-experts-who-speak-out-against-the-conspiracy-to-impose-reckless-and-arbitrary-prohibition-against-conventional-pest-control-products-2014-11-14/>

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