



PREVENT PESTICIDES FROM WASHING INTO WILMINGTON'S WATERWAYS

Consider Pesticide Alternatives

Pesticides are a general term for chemicals that kill bugs, weeds, and fungus. But they can also harm good bugs (like bees!), wildlife, humans, and our waterways. Children and pets can be especially impacted by pesticides because they are closer to ground level.



Practice the lost art of **weeding by hand**.



Install native plants – they're pest & disease resistant!



Mail order inexpensive natural controls, like ladybugs & nematodes.



Mix your own environmentally-friendly pest control.



Never apply pesticides before it rains – they'll just wash away. Always read the label first.



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Pesticides can wash into waterways when it rains, impacting amphibians like this frog, that live and breed in water. Frogs absorb pesticides through their skin, causing abnormalities like extra legs or reproductive changes. Frogs are important to our waterways; they serve as an early warning sign about the health of an ecosystem.



I shouldn't have an extra leg!
Turn over this postcard to find out how you can help.

Help keep pesticides out of our waterways with the tips on the back of this postcard.

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