

Are you a parent? Do you know that Jacksonville parks are being treated with toxic pesticides?

Help us create safe parks and public spaces for our kids!

1. Contact Non Toxic Jacksonville to join our email list and attend our next meeting to learn how to help make our city parks safe for children, pets, and pollinators.
2. Join the conversation at **Non Toxic Rogue Valley** on Facebook.
3. Learn about nontoxic alternatives to commonly used landscape maintenance products - so many effective options!
4. Speak up! Make comments and presentations at City Council meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6pm. Free free to use the information on the reverse.
5. Talk with our city leaders about your concerns for your child's safety and your reasons for wanting to live in a safe, healthy, "no-spray" community.



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Why a Non Toxic Jacksonville?

- **Health.** Research shows that many commonly used pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and more) disrupt our body's natural functions, causing cancer, endocrine disruption, birth defects, reproductive problems, neurological damage and epigenetic changes. The impact on children is especially severe. Many pesticides accumulate in our bodies and are passed on to children in the womb and in breast milk, compounding exposure.
- **Environment.** Synthetic pesticides remain in our air, soil, and water for months and years, affecting people, wildlife, pollinators, and pets for generations.
- **Soil.** Synthetic pesticides and fertilizers kill beneficial soil microbes, and once-healthy soils lose their ability to grow healthy plants. Pest insects, weeds, and diseases move in to replace missing beneficial soil microbes and beneficial insects, so more synthetic pesticides and fertilizers are 'needed'.
- **Water.** Healthy soils require less water compared to pesticide-dependent landscaping, reducing costs and saving water.
- **Climate.** Synthetic pesticides and fertilizers are made from petroleum-based ingredients, thus adding to global CO2 emissions. Their use compounds the problem - by killing beneficial soil microbes, the soil's ability to store carbon is reduced.
- **Role Model.** The City of Irvine, CA, implemented an organic landcare program two years ago, and is sharing the economic and environmental benefits of their successful change of course at [Non Toxic Neighborhoods](#) and on [Facebook](#).

Resources

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