

Did You Know?

Pesticides are dangerous and many have been linked to serious health problems including cancer, birth defects, nerve toxicity and reproductive disorders.



Pesticides are chemicals used to kill unwanted plants, insects and animals.



Synthetic weed killers, lawn and garden pest control products, insect and rodent killers, flea/tick collars and dips are all common pesticides, and there are thousands of pesticide poisonings reported each year.



Common pesticides (organophosphates) are acutely toxic and have been associated with smaller head size in infants, an indication of possible pre-natal brain damage. Some are also endocrine disruptors.

PESTICIDES

What Can YOU Do to Avoid Pesticide Exposure?

Eat organic fruits and vegetables whenever possible. To find organic produce, look for five-digit PLU label codes beginning with #9. Wash all produce before cooking or eating.



Don't use pesticides on your lawn and garden. Don't allow your children or pets on pesticide-treated lawns. Remove shoes before coming indoors.



Use natural or the least-toxic methods for pest control.



Safely store and properly dispose of household chemicals.



Wash hands thoroughly and often.



Support pesticide-free legislation for your schools and communities.