

Public Service Announcement – Lawn Pesticides (August 2005)

Your children have been named “royalty” of the neighborhood and have the dandelion crowns to prove it. However, while they dance around and defend the castle, you’re thinking about how to get rid of those pesky weeds that now adorn their heads.

If the weeds start to invade the lawn and you feel a weed killer is necessary, keep these points in mind as you read the label:

- some products are effective only during certain stages of a pest’s life;
- check for a less toxic pesticide such as an inorganic product, including some oils and soaps;
- check to see if you should apply if rain is in the forecast;
- triple rinse to remove all chemical residue and pour into a utility sink - never dispose of pesticides by pouring on the ground or down the storm drain.

Better yet, learn to enjoy your yard and live with a few weeds. When you hear the dreaded phrase, “I’m bored,” remember a little weed pulling can be the cure to your kid’s boredom.

The Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium is a partnership of area communities working together to educate you on how we can make great strides in protecting and enjoying our environment.