

# DON'T SPRAY THERE'S A BETTER WAY

**EVEN SMALL AMOUNTS OF PESTICIDES, INCLUDING WEEDKILLER, CAN AFFECT OUR WATER SUPPLY AND DAMAGE ECOSYSTEMS**

## **TOXIC TO WILDLIFE**

Pesticides don't just kill the weeds and insects you don't want, but impact on the wider ecosystem too, killing beneficial insects and disrupting food chains.

## **CAUSES WATER SHORTAGES**

On average we're unable to collect 250 million litres of water annually as a result of contamination from pesticides. As temperatures rise due to climate change, this adds extra pressure to our water resources and could result in water restrictions.

## **SPRAY TODAY, PAY TOMORROW**

Continued use of pesticides, inc. weedkillers, may result in the need for additional and expensive water treatment systems which will have an impact on customer bills.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO INSTEAD?**

### **PREVENTION**

Apply weed barriers in the form of mulch or wood chips. This will also help stop your plants from drying out and therefore reduce your need for watering.

### **ECO-FRIENDLY SOLUTIONS**

Vinegar solutions can help fight off garden pests. Boiling water will tackle most weeds or invest in a weed torch to scorch them away.

### **DIY**

Hand weeding is a great way to get familiar with your garden and get some exercise too.

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