



# City of New Haven

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## Text File

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WHEREAS, The City of New Haven has rivers and streams in the watershed of Long Island Sound, which are subject to non-point source pollution. This pollution threatens the ecosystems of the Sound and its water quality. And

WHEREAS, While we realize that human activities may involve hazards, people must proceed more carefully than has been the case in recent history. Corporations, government entities, organizations, communities, scientists and other individuals must adopt a precautionary approach to all human endeavors. And

WHEREAS, When activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken. And

WHEREAS, Children, pets and the unborn child are particularly vulnerable to adverse health effects of synthetic lawn pesticides such as cancer, asthma, and neurodevelopmental disorders. And

WHEREAS, Lawn pesticides are known to contaminate soil, plant life, groundwater, rivers, and wells. And

WHEREAS, **Federal Registration of Pesticides is No Guarantee of Safety.** And

WHEREAS, Regular use of pesticides kills the beneficial insects and healthy organisms, which will, when left alone, limit the unwanted pests. In other words, pesticides upset the balance of nature. And

WHEREAS, The increasing amounts of Nitrogen deplete oxygen and will in turn result in stress and death to the fish and plant life in the waters of Long Island Sound. And

WHEREAS, Nitrogen-based fertilizers release unnatural amounts of nitrogen oxide into the atmosphere causing the greenhouse effect which results in further global warming. And

WHEREAS, Maintaining an organic lawn and garden by adding more composting materials for improving soil and conservation of moisture and encouraging a deeper root system will in turn require less care and less water.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT to benefit the health of New Haven residents and guests, their water, the environment, and Long Island Sound, The City of New Haven urges everyone to voluntarily refrain from the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides**

on lawns and gardens except in extraordinary circumstances. The City encourages everyone to join with the New Haven Environmental Advisory Council and become good stewards of the environment by learning about and practicing organic lawn, soil, land, garden, and tree care.