Greetings!

Welcome to our beginning-of-summer newsletter. Along with keeping you up on the latest news and research, we focus this month on safer outdoor products and strategies from lawn care to pest management (including mosquitoes and whiteflies) and safer sunscreen products.

We have more work to do reducing the impact of pesticides on our Babies, Bees & the Bay! Please help us continue our work by making a donation today!

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HEALTHY LAND CARE

Many of our readers share our concerns about the adverse impacts of pesticides, including the herbicides and insecticides that are used by most conventional lawn and landscape vendors. The good news is that the growing demand for organic lawn/landscape services are being met by organic companies in our state. Two such companies have been providing their services to a pilot organic lawncare project on the Maryland State House grounds. We are grateful for KW Landscaping INC (serving Severna Park, Annapolis, and Anne Arundel County) and A.I.R.—Natural, Organic Lawn Care and Sustainable Landscaping (serving Montgomery County and the surrounding region including Washington DC and Virginia) for their work on this project and the services they provide for us all.

Pesticide News

The French Senate has adopted the European resolution to ban non-agricultural pesticides across Europe. Read more.

Pesticides in food damage our brains & lower IQs - major new European Union study. Read more.

A new study shows that triclosan levels spike in children after they brush their teeth or wash their hands with products containing the pesticide. Read more.

Two European scientific agencies mysteriously ignored repetitive evidence that Monsanto's toxic pesticide glyphosate (Roundup) causes cancer -- read this analysis from Dr Pete Myers, founder of Environmental Health News.

Mosquito Season News & Tips

Local volunteers in University Park, MD are monitoring Asian Tiger mosquito populations in their Take Back Our Yards initiative. All University Park residents are welcome to join. Read more.
A new scientific study links anti-mosquito pesticides permethrin & malathion to autism. Read more.

Did you know? Community associations vote on whether to participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s mosquito control program. Even if your community votes to participate in the program, you may request to have your property excluded. Read more.

Pollinator/Bee Buzz

Michigan State University scientists find pesticide Roundup responsible for monarch butterfly devastation. Read more.

Landmark new study shows bee-killing pesticides used on corn are of little or no value to farmers. Read more.

Multi-university study says bee-killing pesticides are ineffective at killing bugs that damage soybeans. Read more.
Tips For Healthy Living

The best-selling facial sunscreen on Amazon is totally non-toxic. Read more.

Want to find the safest sunscreen for kids? Read more.

What are whiteflies and how can you control them organically? Read more.

Martha Stewart Living offers 5 non-toxic solutions to get rid of pests (read more) as well as natural repellents and bite treatments (read more).

Please help us continue to protect our Babies, Bees and the Bay.

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