

A PESTICIDE-FREE PATCH

Simple alternatives to the pesticides and herbicides in our gardens and streets

7 ways to reduce the use of pesticides in your garden and on your streets

1. Pull, Hoe and Dig

Remove unwanted plants by hand or with a hoe, trowel or fork. For perenial weeds, remoce as much root as practical and repeat when any regrowth happens

2. Cover bare soil

Mulch beds with compost, leaf mould, bark or other suitable material. Dense planting and ground cover also leaves less room for unwanted plants

3. Build a resilient garden

Healthy soil and a mix of plants support stronger growth and beneficial wildlife. Predators such as ladybirds, bird, spider, frogs and bats can help keep pests in check.

4. Use physical controls

Pick off pests where practical, protect vulnerable plants with barriers or netting and use humane traps or other targetted non chemical controls.

5. Brush or hand weed streets

On Pavements, kerbs and hard surfaces, regular brushing and hand weeding can remove growth without herbicide. Timing and repeat visits matter.

6. Employ a specialist

There are other methods or weed reduction that don't involce pesticides and herbecides like heat and electricity. These need a specialist.

7. Leave some plants alone

A pesticide-free approach is not only about replacing a spray. Where safety and accessiblity allow, tolerate useful wild plants and relax the "neat and tidy" look. Dandelions, for example, provide food for pollinators.

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Find out more: Pesticide Action Network UK - pan-uk.org/pesticide-free



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