

Rethinking Our Grass Lawns



Lawns Threaten Biodiversity

Lawns make up **2% of land in the U.S.** (that's the size of Florida). They cause **habitat fragmentation** and **provide little to no nutrients or shelter** that native species need for survival and reproduction.



Lawns Pollute Air, Land, & Water

40% of lawn-care chemicals we use in the U.S. are banned in other countries because they have been **linked to cancer, diseases, and birth defects with children and pets at a higher risk.**



40-60% of nitrogen from fertilizers ends up in our waterways and causes nutrient imbalances that devastate aquatic life and impact the delicate food webs we rely on.



Lawn care equipment accounts for **5% of global greenhouse gas emissions** every year, which can be directly connected to health impacts like respiratory illnesses.

What can we do about it?

Downsize your lawn

Dedicate more lawn space to growing native plants, trees and gardens!

Stop using chemicals

Use compost/organic materials for fertilizer and try making natural pesticides at home!

Consider grass alternatives

Clover, moss, and native grasses are all healthier alternatives to grass lawns.