



## PESTICIDES LINGER - SWAP TO ECO-FRIENDLY SOLUTIONS!

Struggling to keep pests out of your homes or garden? Before reaching for harsh pesticides and other chemicals to tackle problem pests, remember that Pesticides Linger. While these products might be a quick fix, they have a lasting effect when they enter our waterways through runoff and travel into our creeks and affect the ecosystem and water quality.

### (Safely) Ditch Harsh Chemical Products

When it rains, excess yard chemicals run off your landscape, into our storm drain, and flow untreated to our local waters. Ready to make the switch to a greener solution? Safely dispose of your unwanted yard chemicals properly - find resources [here](#) for safe disposal of pesticides.

### Less-Toxic is More Healthy

While reaching for harsh pesticides may be the first response to big bugs, there are many options available that manage pests just as effectively. Check out this [article](#) for less-toxic alternatives such as soaps and insecticidal oils, that have less of an impact on local water quality. Less toxic options can eliminate or reduce problem pests, while leaving good bugs behind – just be sure to follow all label directions.

### Alternative Pest Prevention Methods

Want to avoid using pesticides all together? Try using companion plants such as lavender or petunias that will keep away certain insects and pests. Encouraging natural predators into your yard such as birds, frogs and ladybird beetles will reduce the presence of pests including aphids, flies, slugs and snails. For more ideas, check out additional resources [here](#). Looking for solutions for a particular pest? Visit <https://ourwaterourworld.org/> for tips and tricks!

By swapping to eco-friendly pest control options, you can help keep our local waters pollutant-free. Visit [www.cccleanwater.org](http://www.cccleanwater.org) for more information and tips to help protect our waterways from pesticides!