



I, _____ pledge to take care of my yard without synthetic pesticides, weedkillers and fertilizers except on rare occasions to resolve an infestation or to improve habitat for native plants and wildlife. I also pledge not to throw pharmaceuticals or chemicals down my drains or toilets.

Address _____

Email _____ Acreage pledged _____

Include my name on your pledge list.

HOW THESE CHEMICALS HARM US:

- Some cause cancer by damaging DNA.
- Some are endocrine disruptors, and tiny amounts of these can prevent hormones from functioning normally.

SOME EXAMPLES OF DISRUPTION:

- Thyroid hormone-abnormal brain development
- Hormones of metabolism-diabetes
- Estrogen - breast and prostate cancer, infertility

HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM?

The USGS found at least one pesticide in almost every water and fish sample collected from streams nationwide, and in about one-half of all wells tested. Most contained two or more pesticides.

Standards do not account for cumulative action of numerous chemicals, activity of breakdown products, or those products that are not tested for.

The EPA found so much fertilizer in more than half of the waters nationwide and up to 71% in the East and Midwest that they rated them of poor quality to support life.

WE SHARE OUR ENVIRONMENT WITH BIRDS, BEES AND AMPHIBIANS

Deformed frogs in Lake Champlain and a significant decrease in the population of 40 species of songbirds in North America and Colony Collapse Disorder in bees all result at least partly from these contaminants. These are indicator species, protecting them is protecting our families.

OUR ENVIRONMENT IS NOT SEPARATE FROM US

Especially water. Our bodies are 60 percent water. We may not see the contaminants in water, but they still harm us. Water treatment does not remove them, and they are in bottled water, too. But if we do not put them into the water, our water will be healthy.

**Take the Pledge!
Every Yard Makes a Difference**

Pledge online and get more information at tghyp.com

LET'S JOIN TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN AND HEALTHY!