



Clean and Green *Means* Toxic Free

Toxic Free Philly applauds and supports Mayor Parker's "solemn promise: we will make Philadelphia the safest, cleanest, and greenest big city in the nation with economic opportunity for everyone."

Mayor Parker: make Clean and Green mean Toxic Free!

Goal:

Improve the quality of life across the city by making all Philadelphia neighborhoods clean, green, and vibrant – AND, FREE OF TOXIC HERBICIDES by enforcing the the Healthy Outdoor Public Spaces Law (HOPS) (200425-A).

The Healthy Outdoor Public Spaces Law (HOPS)

(200425-A), co-sponsored by Council Member Parker, was unanimously passed and enacted into law and amended the public health code on January 28, 2021.

The prior Mayor failed to direct city agencies to comply with the law leaving the City liable to lawsuits and putting residents' health at risk.

Current State:

When enacted, HOPS would:

- **Protect the health of the public:** protect the health of children, adults and pets regardless of zip code by eliminating the use of toxic herbicides on city owned and leased grounds, establishing reporting requirements, and a waiver process.
- **Support Environmental Justice:** Disproportionate health impacts due to increased toxic applications in Black and Brown communities are not acceptable.*
- **Prevent overuse of toxic chemicals on public grounds:** 16.2 tons of toxic herbicides were applied to parks and other city grounds, in violation of the HOPS law, in 2022 alone.*
- **Prevent Diseases:** such as multiple cancers, asthma, Parkinson's disease, childhood learning disabilities and fertility problems that are linked to glyphosate (the active ingredient in **Roundup**) and 2, 4-D (one of the active ingredients in **Agent Orange**), the top two herbicides used on public grounds.
- **Reduce City Liability:** Lawsuits continue to find Bayer, the makers of RoundUp (glyphosate) liable for damages in numerous cases of workers developing cancer. The city has acknowledged glyphosate's toxic effects, yet continues to use it. Bayer paid \$10.9 billion in claims in 2020 alone. 200 RoundUp cases were filed in Philadelphia in 2022. In December 2022, one Philadelphia claimant won a \$3.5 million award against Bayer in Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. (Martel v. Bayer)



Long Term Vision

- Philadelphia is renowned for its world-class parks which are free of toxic herbicides in all city neighborhoods.
- A city wide organic, data driven land management plan supports long term sustainability and environmental resilience initiatives by prioritizing soil health.
- Sidewalks, ball courts and site lines are attractive and well maintained with mechanical means and non-toxic applications.
- Workers safety and public health is prioritized over quick but inefficient use of toxic herbicides.
- Emergency use of eliminated herbicides are applied only after all other options are exhausted and approval is granted by the HOPS Advisory Committee through the Waiver Process, per the HOPS law.
- Environmental Justice is advanced in the application of the HOPS law.
- The city limits its liability and saves millions of dollars by no longer purchasing tons of toxic chemicals every year.
- Robust Federal and state funding for environmental resilience are acquired and applied to HOPS initiatives.
- A new generation of much-in-demand organic managers are trained and mentored in Philadelphia Worker Training Programs.

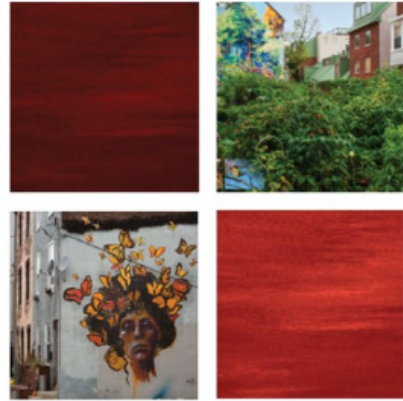




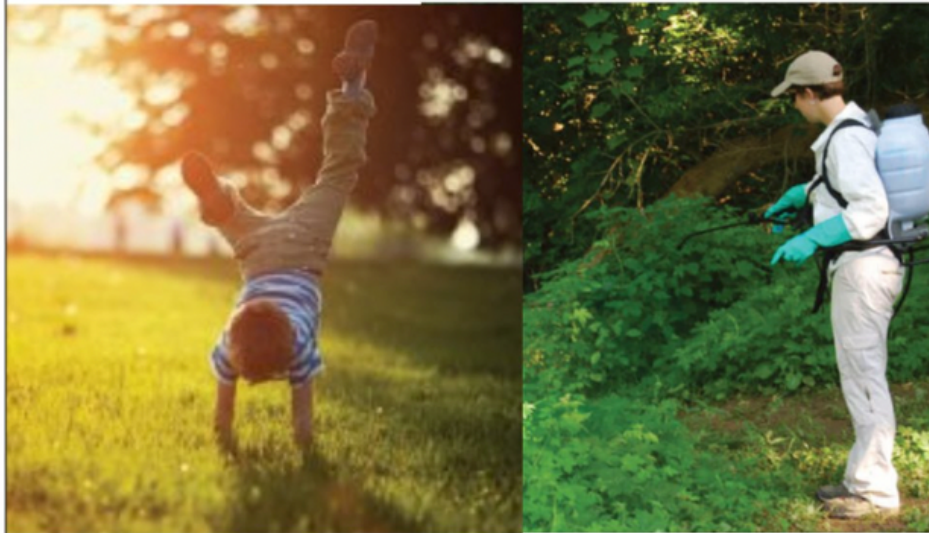
100 Day Initiatives

Mayor Parker issues a “Clean and Green Means Toxic Free” memorandum directing city departments to be in full compliance with the HOPS Law. A data-driven action plan is established so that:

- Within 18 months after taking office, most city grounds are no longer sprayed with toxic herbicides, per the HOPS law.
- Within 36 months after taking office, ball fields and golf courses are in compliance, per the HOPS law.
- 1 month after taking office, the HOPS Advisory Committee is established under the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, supporting community engagement, per the HOPS law.
- 3 months after taking office, a full Pesticide Application Report is issued, per the HOPS law.
- Philadelphia Children, adults, and pets safely enjoy the world-class parks and public spaces with no fear of toxic exposure from herbicides.



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Sources: (all available on www.toxicfreephilly.org)

Poison Parks Report by The Black Institute.

Based on Toxic Free Philly analysis of 2022 Pesticide Application Report collated by Philadelphia Parks and Recreation.

Thank you!

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