Glyphosate restrictions around the world

Concerns over the environmental and health impacts of the herbicide glyphosate have prompted many authorities (local and national) to introduce restrictions (including bans) on its use.

In this document, we list the restrictions on glyphosate (legal and voluntary) of which we are aware, as of **December 2015**. The list also includes some pesticide restrictions that, while not specific to glyphosate, effectively restrict its use.

This list has been compiled from information in the public domain and we provide links to the source where possible, but please note that the information may be out of date and the list could contain errors. We will update the list regularly and would welcome any corrections or additions. Please email pesticide-free@pan-uk.org to contact us.

UK:

Brighton – first Pesticide Free Zone launched in Brighton's Brighthelm Centre

Bristol – Glyphosate free trial going ahead in Ashley District
www.bristolgreenparty.org.uk/news/glyphosate-free-ashley-trial

Glastonbury – Council votes to stop the use of glyphosate
www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1131627070200447&id=204401476256349&substory_index=0

Erewash - Erewash Borough Council has stopped using glyphosate weedkillers containing polyethoxylated tallow amines (POEA), or tallow, which, some evidence suggests, is toxic to human cells and amphibious wildlife www.nottinghampost.com/Erewash-Borough-Council-axes-use-allegedly-toxic/story-27998299-detail/story.html#ixzz3sbbW27LD

Aberdeen – using hot water to reduce pesticide use
www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/CouncilNews/ci_cns/pr_weedkiller_230715.asp

Edinburgh – stopping the use of glyphosate following public concerns about carcinogenic nature of glyphosate www.hortweek.com/councils-alternative-weed-control-move-hailed/landscape/article/1374960

Europe:

France – restrictions in place on sales to the public, no longer in self-service aisles but behind (under) the counter. France will ban all non-agricultural pesticides by 2020 so glyphosate will no longer be available to the public. There are already over 400 pesticide free towns in France, a further 400 with restrictions on pesticide use in public places.

www.villes-et-villages-sans-pesticides.fr/

www.newsweek.com/france-bans-sale-monsantos-roundup-garden-centers-after-un-names-it-probable-343311

Netherlands – Has banned non-commercial use of glyphosate - www.collective-evolution.com/2015/05/30/why-the-netherlands-just-banned-monsantos-glyphosate-based-herbicides/

Germany – The REWE retail group in Germany has stopped selling glyphosate products www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2015/aug/07/supermarkets-garden-centres-weedkiller-ban-cancer-glyphosate-monsanto

Germany - Germany's state ministers have drafted a resolution for the for "the supply to and use (of glyphosate) by private persons to be banned for precautionary reasons www.march-against-monsanto.com/german-states-call-for-eu-wide-ban-on-monsantos-roundup/

Switzerland – Two Swiss retailers, Coop and Migros, have stopped selling glyphosate products www.organicconsumers.org/news/swiss-supermarkets-stop-sales-glyphosate-over-health-concerns

Belgium – Many of the municipalities in Belgium will be pesticide free by 2017. No spraying of glyphosate or any other pesticide in public areas.

Denmark – The Working Environment Authority has declared glyphosate to be a carcinogen following the WHO report. This means that "The work inspectors in Denmark listed Roundup as carcinogenic, meaning that they will demand that due care is taken when used, and they will recommend a change to other less toxic chemicals," - however, there is no ban in place, but the possibility of restrictions in agricultural use could be on the agenda.

North America:

Canada – 8 of 10 Canadian Provinces have some form of restriction on the use of non-essential cosmetic pesticides including glyphosate. These must not be used in public areas or by the public out-of-doors. See Toronto case study www.pan-uk.org/images/pft/toronto-pesticide-bylaw.pdf

USA - there are a number of pending court actions being taken by people who suspect they have been poisoned by glyphosate

Reno, Nevada – City begins a pesticide free pilot programme www.mynews4.com/news/local/story/City-of-Reno-beginning-pesticide-free-pilot/DjzP_8LT6kStMYejN8ruOQ.cspx

Boulder, Colorado – Banned glyphosate in 2011 www.boulderweekly.com/article-14694-the-new-ddt.html

Thousand Oaks, California – bans use of glyphosate on city golf courses www.toacorn.com/news/2015-08-13/Community/City_opts_against_using_Roundup_at_golf_course.html

Montgomery, Maryland – MD members ask hospital to stop use of landscape pesticides including glyphosate www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/news/pr/pr_details.html

Laguna Hills, California – successful local campaign to get Laguna Hills, California to eliminate the use of Roundup. http://beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog/2015/05/california-mom-successfully-gets-cancer-causing-herbicide-eliminated-from-community-you-can-too/

Richmond, California - the ordinance and protect the health of the community, a 12-month ban on all toxic pesticides, including glyphosate www.truth-out.org/news/item/29244-will-richmond-reject-roundup-the-case-for-banning-glyphosate

Takoma Park, Maryland - the Takoma Park, Maryland City Council on July 22, 2013 unanimously passed the ***Safe Grow Act of 2013***, which generally restricts the use of cosmetic lawn pesticides on both private and public property throughout the Maryland city http://beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog/2013/07/cosmetic-lawn-pesticide-use-outlawed-across-takoma-park-maryland/

Maine - A number of Maine towns have adopted local ordinances to control pesticide use. www.maine.gov/dacf/php/pesticides/public/municipal_ordinances.shtml and www.theforecaster.net/south-portland-to-propose-pesticide-restrictions/

Connecticut - Many Connecticut towns have adopted bans or restrictions on pesticide use on lawns and gardens. The state of Connecticut has already put in place Public Act 09-56 to eliminate the use pesticides in K-8 schools. www.organiclandcare.net/organic-towns

Cuyahoga County, Oregon – banned use of pesticides on County property and introduced IPM plan http://council.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_council/en-US/Legislation/Ordinances/2012/O2011-0047.pdf

New York State Parks and Recreation – Measures to stop or minimize pesticide use on areas under their control www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/documents/OPRHPPesticideReductionPolicy.pdf

Village of New Paltz, New York – prohibition of pesticide use on all land controlled by the Village http://www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/lawn/activist/NewPaltzNYfinalpolicy.pdf

Rockland, New York – prohibition on pesticide use on land under their control www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/lawn/activist/RocklandCountyNYpolicy.pdf

Westchester County, New York – Pesticide free parks approach www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/lawn/activist/SunsetLaw.pdf

New Jersey – Has a range of State and local policies aimed at promoting IPM and phasing out or reducing significantly pesticide use www.beyondpesticides.org/resources/state-pages/nj/pesticide-policies

Greenbelt, Maryland – All public lands managed organically www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/states/md/City%20of%20Greenbelt.pdf

Marblehead, Massachusetts - All public lands managed organically www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/documents/MarbleheadOPM%20REGS%2012%2022%2005.pdf

City of Lawrence, Kansas – Pesticide Free Parks http://lawrenceks.org/lprd/parks/ipm

Connecticut – Law prohibiting use of pesticides on any school grounds

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Brandford, Connecticut – Organic land management on all public lands beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog/2009/01/branford-ct-finds-success-with-organic-playing-fields/

Greenwich, Connecticut – organic playing fields beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog/2008/04/connecticut-town-bans-pesticides-on-athletic-fields/

Plainville, Connecticut – "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the health of the citizens of Plainville, their water, the environment and Long Island Sound will benefit without further impact from the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides at Paderewski Park. And the Town Council urges all citizens to voluntarily refrain from the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and so encourages the use of organic lawn care." www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/documents/paderewski%20park%20resolution.pdf

Durango, Colorado - Organically managed lands www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/states/co/documents/OrganicallyManagedLandsResolution.pdf

Bermuda – an outright ban on all imports of glyphosate which will amount to a slow phasing out of use as supplies run down http://naturalsociety.com/bermuda-suspends-glyphosate-ridden-roundup-indefinitely/

California - Glyphosate, , will be labelled as cancer-causing, California's environmental agency said. www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2015/09/08/California-to-list-chemical-in-Monsantos-Roundup-as-carcinogenic/7481441724696/

Latin America:

Colombia – Following the WHO report Colombia has decided to stop the use of glyphosate in aerial spraying for the eradication of illegal coca plantations www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-32677411

Brazil – Is considering a ban in light of the WHO report and is currently looking to reassess the status of glyphosate. A draft bill has been submitted to their Parliament. http://sustainablepulse.com/2014/03/26/brazils-federal-public-prosecutor-requests-total-ban-glyphosate-herbicides/#.VeQqdPlVikq

Argentina – 30 000 Argentinian health experts have called for a total ban in the use of glyphosate there. http://anonhq.com/union-of-30000-doctors-in-latin-america-wants-monsanto-banned/

El Salvador – has passed a motion to ban glyphosate but it has not yet been signed into law http://en.centralamericadata.com/en/article/home/El_Salvador_Confirmation_to_Be_Given_on_Ban_of_Agrochemicals

Asia:

Sri Lanka – Has introduced a complete ban on the use of glyphosate. www.publicintegrity.org/2014/03/13/14418/sri-lanka-bans-monsanto-herbicide-citing-potential-link-deadly-kidney-disease