



Dear Store Manager:

I am a regular customer at Home Depot *and* a supporter of the National Coalition for Pesticide-Free Lawns. I was very pleased to recently learn that Home Depot was asked by Beyond Pesticides and Defenders of Wildlife on behalf of the Coalition to carry a full range of natural, non-toxic lawn and garden products, to train staff to be knowledgeable about non-toxic alternatives, and to reconsider the sale of “weed and feed.” It is currently impossible to shop at Home Depot and purchase the full array of products needed to maintain a natural lawn or garden. I would very much like to see not just one or two natural lawn and garden products on your shelves – but **a full range by Spring 2006**, and therefore strongly support these requests. In addition to carrying these products, I expect Home Depot staff to be able to offer advice in the use and benefits of natural alternatives. As a do-it-yourselfer, I would also appreciate written materials that provide instructions on how to create and maintain a natural lawn.

I would like to shop at Home Depot for my lawn and garden products and will be watching to see if more non-toxic products become available and if efforts are undertaken to train your employees and provide good materials. I urge you to work with the National Coalition for Pesticide-Free Lawns to help make this a reality.

Thank you for listening to my concerns and please convey my support to your corporate headquarters.

Sincerely,