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TRANSITION TO LESS HARMFUL CHEMICALS ON CITY FIELDS

Saint Anthony Village, MN, Spring 2016— This growing season marks the transition from traditional chemical usage to less harmful options on city fields, gardens and ponds.

The city altered its turf grass management strategy to reduce exposure of harmful chemicals to children, pets, pollinators, and downstream water bodies. Change-Up herbicide is now used on all city owned fields to control weeds because it does not contain 2, 4-D. It is recommended safe for schools and athletic fields.

The city made these changes to protect users of facilities and to serve as an example to residents. We all need to cut back on what we add to our local environment because it impacts our health and the health of the surrounding ecosystems.

Additionally the city uses Snapshot Specialty Herbicide on its flower and plant beds to feed flowers and control weeds, and sparingly applies Hydrothol to the Central Park Re-Use Pond to discourage weed growth.

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