

# THE TRUTH ABOUT LAWNS

## COMMON MYTHS ABOUT LAWNS



### Myth

Lawns are a monoculture.



### Fact ✓

Not true. The average lawn contains a variety of species of grasses, plants and weeds.



### Myth

Lawns don't support biodiversity.



### Fact ✓

The soil underneath lawns teems with life: as many as 52 different arthropod families, 28 genera of nematodes plus a complex network of micro-organisms.



### Myth

Lawn pesticides are unsafe.



### Fact ✓

Pesticides are among the most rigidly regulated commodities in the U.S., undergoing a rigorous approval process by the EPA that often takes over a decade.



### Myth

Lawns use too much water.



### Fact ✓

In many parts of the country, lawns get much of their water from rain. Low-water-use turfgrass varieties, letting lawns go dormant, and smart water management support turfgrass in areas with less rainfall.



### Myth

Lawns are a waste of time and resources.



### Fact ✓

According to a survey by the NALP, 79% of Americans say having a lawn is important to them.