



Lets go organic in the garden

Can we stop using sprays, pesticides and slug pellets?

What can we use instead?

There are many ideas on the internet, here are a few to try;

A mix of washing up liquid and water in a spray bottle for aphids.

Crushed garlic mixed with water in a spray bottle repels slugs and snails plus many other uses.

Beer traps sunk into the ground will trap slugs and snails.

Early evening and morning slug and snail patrols is the best way to keep the numbers down.

Companion planting to help repel carrot root fly and other root crop pests.

Keep hungry plants like roses fed every month through the growing season together with regular watering in dry weather will stop black spot and aphid attacks and give you a wonderful display of flowers.

Peat free compost, good or bad?





How can I attract wildlife into my garden?
Build a shallow pond with some rocks for easy entrance and exit.

Grow flowers all year round with single flowers so that pollinators can easily do their job.

Construct some insect habitats and winter hibernation houses.

Have you got room to hang up some bird boxes?

Can you grow a patch of stinging nettles to attract caterpillars and butterflies.

Do you have space for some wild flowers?
Maybe use the seed bombs on the table.



Using car tyres in our gardens

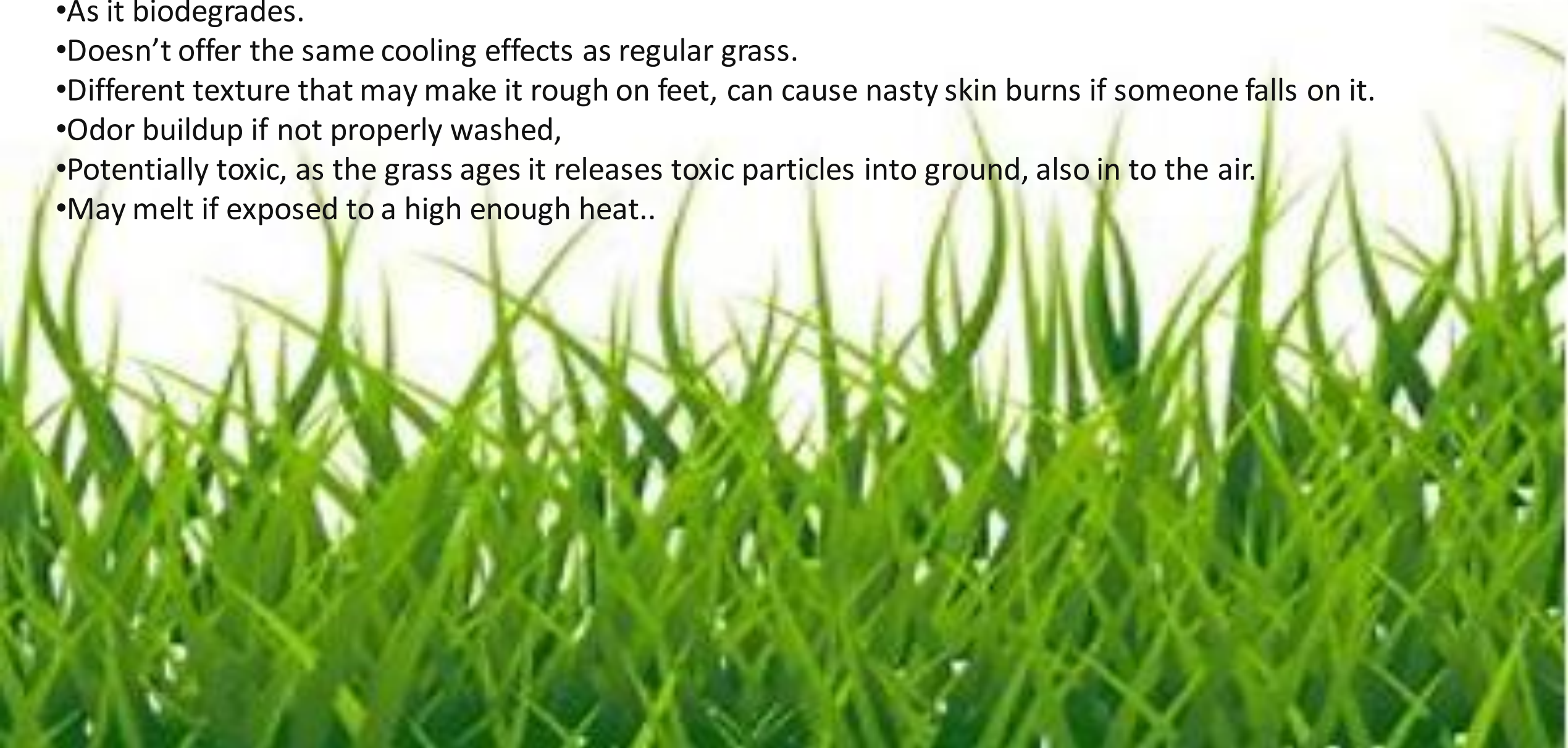
If you want to use tyres the most logical way to do so, whilst at the same time minimising any health risk would be:

- Only use a worn tyre to grow food for 2-3 years.
- Slow down the tyre's deterioration by storing it under cover when not in use (in a shed during winter for example).
- Reduce the tyre's contact with soil and ground water by placing it on top of a sheet of wood or on top of a pallet (or both). The wood may absorb any chemical run off instead of the soil beneath.
- Consider growing flowers in tyres rather than vegetables, you're less likely to eat those.
- Pountney tyres will collect tyres and recycle them.



•Artificial Grass

- Has been out for a number of years now, there are a lot of negative things happening
- As it biodegrades.
- Doesn't offer the same cooling effects as regular grass.
- Different texture that may make it rough on feet, can cause nasty skin burns if someone falls on it.
- Odor buildup if not properly washed,
- Potentially toxic, as the grass ages it releases toxic particles into ground, also in to the air.
- May melt if exposed to a high enough heat..



Your garden at home

Are you struggling with your garden?

Is it getting out of hand?

Is your garden getting you down?

Are you finding it hard to ask for some help?



How am I going to cope?

Can your family help you out?

Can you alter your garden so it is easier to manage?

Can your neighbour cut your front lawn when they are doing theirs?

Ask some friends to see how they cope.



Some ideas for you to try in your garden

Reduce the number of flower beds this can be done over time.

Grass over the vegetable patch.

Care and tend some large pots near your house, easier to cope with.

Employ someone to trim hedges and cut the grass.

Encourage grandchildren to help you in the garden with a little remuneration.

Contact Blooming Marvellous to see if they can help.

