

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please block artificial turf. When it gets only a few years old, in the sun, it gets dusty and shorter at the blade tips, meaning it's spreading PFAS to wind and rain. Especially the cheap brands.

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Name: jane dow

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Comments for Public Posting: This comment is for file 24-0602 on banning artificail turf. I strongly support the ban on turf for so many reasons. It is full of toxic chemicals from the plastic it is made of. We all know by now that the chemicals are hormone disruptors linked to a huge host of health problems including cancers (sepecially breast, testicular, prostate, brain and ovarian cancers plus lymphoma). The chemicals also cause diabetes, brain diseases, cardiovascular diseases, reproductive disorders, especially infertility, low sperm count, premature births and brith defects. The most toxic chemicals are PFAS, Bisphenols, Phthalates and flame retardants. Besides the toxic chemicals, the plastic gives off microplastics and the tire granules beneath the surface break off into the air that the people play on. Students inhale both and they cause lung damage, compromised immune systems and cancers. We don't want our children or adults playing on turf that is harming their health. There have also been documented reports that people playing on artificial turf suffer more injuries than people playing on grass. When they fall, they get scraped and exposed to these microplastics and chemicals as well. Furthermore, turf has to be replaced every 10 years or so which means it actually costs more than natural grass. You add to that the pollution from disposal of artificial turf in landfills, and you have an environmental nightmare of massive proportions. Please ban this toxic material for good and stop producing it!!