

Lawn Mowers Air Pollution

Ever wonder how much pollution you might be breathing in, every time you or someone else mows your lawns? When it comes to how much pollution is emitted from a lawn mower, a reliable Australian source has confirmed:

“THE lawn mower and the outboard motor are the latest targets – albeit on a small scale – in the *war against climate change*.

Environmentalist Tim Flannery wrote to Environment Minister Peter Garrett last month, appealing for the federal Government to fast-track the introduction of world-standard emissions regulations for small engines. The US and Europe already regulate marine engine emissions.

Professor Flannery, the 2007 Australian of the Year and chairman of the Copenhagen Climate Council, wrote that a lawn mower generated 40 times the emissions of a car”

Read the full article from The Australian National Affairs website – [Lawn mower and outboards new targets in emissions war](#)

The sad fact is that petrol lawn mowers **DO** emit many types of harmful pollutants and people just do not seem to be aware of the health risks not only to themselves but also their families and anybody else in the area.

In the same way that many people today are becoming more health conscious, if you knew exactly what you were breathing in every time you mowed the lawns, you probably wouldn't want to mow your lawns anymore... well **NOT** with your good old faithful 2 or 4 stroke mower anyway.

“Pollution in Australia comes from many different sources. Some is a result of industrial activity but there are also sources of pollution that are not industrial, like cars, wood heaters and even lawn mowers.

The National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) is tracking pollution right across Australia by collecting data about 93 different toxic substances emitted into the environment. The NPI can show you the source and location of these substance emissions.

The substances that are studied were chosen because of the problems they can potentially cause for our health and the health of the environment.

Benzene is one of the substances that the NPI tracks across Australia.”

“It is a dangerous, poisonous substance, and research shows that it can be harmful to us as well as to animals, plants, and the environment.”