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**Subject:** Re: TruGreen is Truly a Mistake for Shoreline  
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Janet -

Just to clarify - this contract will not allow TruGreen to use herbicides. Our bid document provided for alternates that asked for pricing to allow use of herbicides in specific cases, but the price differential was not sufficient to justify changing the City's current policy prohibiting the use of herbicides, so our recommendation is for council to award the contract that does not allow the use of herbicides. I hope that this helps clarify concerns that you may have.

Debbie Tarry

Sent from my iPad

> On Jun 8, 2014, at 8:38 PM, "Janet Way" <janetway@yahoo.com> wrote:  
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> Please see attached letter on the TruGreen Contract on the Council Agenda.  
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> Thank you.  
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> Janet Way  
> <TruGreen.doc>

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City of Shoreline  
City Council, City Manager and Public Works Director  
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Dear City Manager Tarry, Public Works Director and Council,

I noticed in this week's staff report that the City expects to contract with TruGreen for Landcare (Landscaping Services) for the City Right of Way.

I find this news very concerning for two reasons.

- 1) I recall in the City Manager's report in the Shoreline Area News a mention that this service will include "herbicide" applications. And now that I see it is TruGreen that is the expected recipient of the contract I find it even more appalling.

Perhaps you are aware of the association of TruGreen with Scott's/Miracle Grow and their parent company Monsanto? A few years ago Scott's was sued by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Audubon for selling poisoned bird seed marketed as "wildlife friendly" and ended up paying a huge fine due to the toxic nature of their product. Below are just two articles about the problems with this company.

<http://www.safelawns.org/blog/2012/11/trugreens-loss-is-the-planets-gain/>

<http://www.beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog/?p=3313>

TruGreen is well known for their applications of toxic agents, including Roundup and many other pesticides.

I find it troubling that the City of Shoreline is considering hiring this company when our Sustainability Strategy and so many other documents call for less toxic solutions in dealing with our infrastructure. We have pledged many times to us the least toxic methods of controlling weeds and doing our landscaping.

It is hard for me to believe that there are no other companies that we could hire that would do this work effectively, but who do not have a reputation for using these dangerous chemicals. And with our families walking along these same streets where TruGreen had done the yard work, I fear the impacts to their health, not to mention that of the pets and wildlife that also have habitat here. These

chemicals will drain directly into our creeks and watersheds that already suffer from water quality problems.

- 2) I also have a question about the \$5000 for “plant replacement” and wonder which plants will need replacing and why?

I urge you to re-examine this contract and consider other alternatives that will be more in line with our community’s values.

I request that you refrain from having TruGreen do any spraying whatsoever on my street.

I would appreciate a response to this letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janet Way