

Pesticides Update 8.13.26

I gave my notice to the landlord for early termination. I let my physicians and dentist know that I am moving out of state. Ten days after they sprayed, I am still in excruciating pain. I filed a claim with my insurance company, and I am talking to several lawyers.

This isn't normal or okay. This is my second apartment, unfortunately, where I have dealt with nonconsensual pesticide spraying and overuse to the point of excruciating pain. This is the result of an unchecked industry and lazy pest control practices involving industrial pesticides that kill everything around them.

I was so happy before they sprayed. Everything was just fine. My energy was awesome. I was waking up at 4 a.m., full of life, and would have a smoothie by 8. Now, the energy in my apartment has completely shifted. The pesticides make the world feel dark and dead.

Again, my skin feels toxic to the touch. It is the most uncomfortable feeling in the world because it feels as though my body simply cannot heal itself. I can no longer enjoy my furniture without feeling symptomatic because the toxins are now in my couch.

I loved my couch. It was brand new. I had just bought it, and I was so happy and proud to have it. The same is true of my bed. It was brand new and so comfortable. I worked so hard to get it just right for me. Now, both are covered in pesticides.

I moved as quickly as I could to place everything into bags because I knew from my last experience that once this stuff gets onto our belongings, it stays. The last time, I had to leave my kitchen table, couch, and bed behind because they felt toxic. I even had to get rid of a sentimental quilt.

This time, I had so much that I invested in and worked so hard for. Here we are again, at what feels like ground zero after chemical warfare. This isn't normal.

I am now debating what to do, whether to leave my furniture behind again or take it with me. I am going through the claims process and hoping that my lawyers will offer insight. The landlord was unwilling to accommodate me beyond allowing the termination of my lease. However, this experience has caused so much pain, suffering, economic loss, and hardship that it simply does not feel right.

Chemical sprays feel like an assault on the body that does not leave, not unless you completely purge and relocate. It is simply not worth it. Yet, chemical spraying is their go-to response today. They have harmed our homefront with volatile chemical compounds.

We miss the old days when Americans could simply enjoy their lives without nonconsensual spraying that could cost them their health or their lives. It is too much.

Americans, this isn't normal. Challenge the use of these volatile chemicals. Let them know clearly: **Do not spray!**

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