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Cosmetic Use of Pesticides  
in British Columbia –  
Public Consultation Paper



***The Whole Truth from an Independent Perspective***

# British Columbia Prohibition of Pest Control Products! Part 4A

## Government document

### COSMETIC USE OF PESTICIDES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA — PUBLIC CONSULTATION PAPER

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( ADAPTED EXCERPTS )

FIRST OF FOUR PARTS

## INTRODUCTION

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In the AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> 2009 **Speech from the Throne**, the **Government of British Columbia** committed to consult British Columbians on “ *new statutory protections to further safeguard the environment from cosmetic chemical pesticides.*”

This consultation paper [ ... IS ] intended to stimulate conversation [ IN ORDER TO ] gather your input on this topic.

The **Ministry of Environment** (the ministry) has prepared background information and identified consultation issues for discussion to build understanding about the subject and provide a structure for comments and feedback. Additional comments or suggestions beyond the identified consultation issues are also welcome.

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## **PLEASE — TELL US WHAT YOU THINK !**

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This consultation paper and a response form for providing comments to the ministry, and links to related legislation, are posted on the **Cosmetic Use of Pesticides Consultation Forum** website. This information can also be accessed by clicking on the “*COSMETIC USE OF PESTICIDE CONSULTATION*” button on the **Ministry of Environment** home page ( [www.gov.bc.ca/env/](http://www.gov.bc.ca/env/) ).

Discussion comments and responses received by FEBRUARY 15, 2010 will be reviewed by the ministry and a summary posted on the Consultation Forum website. Following this review, the ministry will inform respondents and post information regarding next steps, and any intentions for revision of statutory provisions governing the cosmetic use of pesticides.

The paper includes the following sections —

### **Background information**

1. Definition of a pesticide
2. The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to managing pests
3. How pesticides are regulated in **British Columbia**
4. What is meant by “*COSMETIC USE OF PESTICIDES*”
5. What other provinces are doing

### **Consultation issues for discussion**

1. Ministry objectives in regulating the cosmetic use of pesticides
2. Potential regulatory restrictions on “*COSMETIC USE OF PESTICIDES*”

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3. Creating classes of pesticides that may or may not be used for cosmetic purposes
4. Limiting use to qualified applicators and encouraging IPM
5. Notification and signage requirements
6. Conditions under which pesticides may be sold or purchased
7. Public awareness, education, compliance, and enforcement
8. Additional comments

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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### 1. Definition of a pesticide

A pesticide is anything that is intended to prevent, destroy, repel, attract, or manage a pest. Pesticides used to kill insects are known as insecticides; those that kill weeds are herbicides; and those that kill rodents are called rodenticides.

### 2. The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to managing pests

In 2004, B.C. became the first jurisdiction in North America to require the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) on all public land and by all commercial pesticide applicators. IPM is a systematic decision-making process that aims to prevent pests from becoming problems, and to determine what actions to take if pest problems occur.

In IPM programs, all available information and treatment methods are considered in order to manage pest populations effectively, economically, and in an environmentally sound manner. IPM does not try to eliminate all pests. Instead, it attempts to reduce pest numbers to levels that minimize damage while protecting human health and the environment.

IPM provides important advantages to the pest manager, the environment and to society.

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Effective IPM programs —

- Provide long-term solutions to pest problems
- Reduce pesticide use
- Protect the environment and human health
- Minimize harm to beneficial organisms that help control pests
- Provide pest control options when pesticides cannot be used
- Reduce the development of pesticide resistant pests

### 3. How pesticides are regulated in British Columbia

#### Important federal legislation

All pesticides used in Canada must be accepted for use ( registered under the federal **Pest Control Products Act** ) by the **Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada**.

Before a pesticide is registered, the manufacturer must provide scientific data and information on —

- Product effectiveness in Canadian conditions
- Toxicity to humans, animals and plants
- Food and feed residues
- Product fate in the environment
- Chemistry of the pesticide

The PMRA makes a registration decision after a complete review of the scientific data, safety, effectiveness, and merits of the product.

When a pesticide is registered, it is given a unique **Pest Control Products Act (PCP)** registration number. This registration number appears on the pesticide label.

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Pesticide applicators have specific responsibilities under the federal **Pest Control Products Act**.

Those responsibilities include —

- Possessing and using only registered pesticides
- Following the instructions contained on the pesticide label
- Ensuring that the pesticide is used, stored and disposed of safely

### **B.C. legislation — the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Act and regulation**

The mandate of the **Ministry of Environment** ( the ministry ) is to protect human health and safety, and maintain and restore the diversity of **British Columbia**'s native species, ecosystems, and habitats. The ministry administers the **Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Act** and regulation, the primary regulatory tools governing the sale and use of pesticides in the province.

The ministry relies on the federal **Pest Control Products Act**, and the expertise of the PMRA of **Health Canada**, to evaluate and determine acceptable uses for pesticides registered for sale in B.C.

The **IPM Act** and regulation establish conditions for the sale and use of pesticides in the province through a classification system and regulatory provisions for licences, certification, permits, Pest Management Plans and ministry responsibilities. The regulation also contains public notification, consultation, reporting and record keeping provisions — as well as standards for IPM programs and use of pesticides aimed to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

The **IPM Act** and regulation require that —

- Pesticides used on public land ( e.g. schools, parks, boulevards ), and those used by pest control services ( e.g. lawn-care or tree-care companies ), be applied under the direct supervision of a person trained in the safe use of pesticides and that they be used in an IPM program — under the IPM process, a pesticide can be

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used only when it is determined to be critical to control a pest and when no practical alternatives are available

- Notification signs be posted when pesticides are used on public land or multi-residence properties
- Vendors selling pesticides have staff trained in IPM to assist customers who request advice about purchasing a pesticide

### Municipal powers to regulate the use of pesticides

Under provisions of the **Community Charter**, municipalities may choose to restrict the use of pesticides for maintaining outdoor trees, shrubs, flowers, other ornamental plants and/or turf — on municipal land and on land used for residential purposes. Approximately **twenty** B.C. municipalities have by-laws that restrict pesticide uses in their communities. Some municipalities prohibit all pesticide uses under their jurisdiction. Others allow certain uses under a municipally-issued permit. One municipality allows applications by licensed service companies, but not by untrained pesticide applicators. Municipalities do not have the authority to ban the sale of pesticides.



Does the fate of British Columbia rest in the wet dish-pan hands of deceiving volunteer house-wives that sell treated "Toxic Daffodils" for a **MILLIONAIRE** prohibitionist enviro-terror organization with **NO** recognized expertise in pest control products, and with the ability to concoct **LIES** about **NON-EXISTENT** danger for **MILLIONS OF DONATION DOLLARS** ?

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FORCE OF NATURE was launched for continuous transmission on the Internet on January 1st, 2009. It is a series of e-newsletters destined for the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, the Environmental-Terror-Movement, Government Officials, municipalities, and the media, nation-wide across Canada, and parts of the United States and overseas. FORCE OF NATURE is produced in two parts. First, The MEDIA REPORT itself that reports on the current events affecting the future of the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. Second, INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE, which is a running commentary, sometimes technical in nature. FORCE OF NATURE is the WHOLE TRUTH from an INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE! FORCE OF NATURE is TOTALLY INDEPENDENT of any trade association or business operating within the Green Space Industry.

FORCE OF NATURE is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his entourage. Noth G is actually an acronym for the stable of anonymous producers and writers that contribute to this e-newsletter and have now replaced Mr. Gathercole. They consist of people from the following industries : Distribution, Fertilizer, Golf, Lawn Care, Manufacturing, Municipal, Nursery, Orchard. Many of these people are leaders in their own industries. The opinions expressed in FORCE OF NATURE, even though from an INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE, may not reflect those of everyone in the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, or Mr. Gathercole's many associates. Be warned ! FORCE OF NATURE may sometimes be very invereant and fearless with these e-newsletters. DON'T THANK US. IT'S A PUBLIC SERVICE. AND WE ARE GLAD TO DO IT. Mr. Gathercole is now retired from FORCE OF NATURE, although his name continues to appear as the founder.

William H. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MC GILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, including GOLF and PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and has served in public affairs, workplace safety, and environmental compliance. Mr. Gathercole has supervised—consulted—programmed—overseen the execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with, THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

Mr. Gathercole has followed the evolution of ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter-century. His involvement in environmental issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with others, legal action against unethical and excessive municipal regulations restricting the use of pest control products. (i.e. the Town of Hudson, Quebec.) For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of Enviro-Terror for the Entire Green Space Industry across Canada. Although he can be accused of being ANTI-ENVIRONMENT-MOVEMENT, he is, in fact, simply a strong advocate FOR THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, from an INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE. However, this position has not precluded him from criticizing the Green Space Industry itself. Nonetheless, his vast knowledge of our long journey with environmental issues is UNDENIABLE. (Hopefully !)

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The following FORCE OF NATURE documents are currently available — • Alberta Prohibition • British Columbia Prohibition • Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment • Canadian Environmental Law Association • Consequences • David Suzuki Foundation • DDT and Politicized Science • Enviro-Money • Environmental Terrorists Unmasked • Death and the Environmental-Terror-Movement • Environmental Terrorists Unmasked • June Irwin, The Clown of Junk Science • Kazimiera Jean Cottam • Landscape Trades Capitulate • New Brunswick Prohibition • Nova Scotia Prohibition • Ontario Prohibition • Organic Fertilizers • Pesticide Free BC • Pets and Lawn Care Chemicals • Prince Edward Island Prohibition • Quebec Prohibition • Rachel Carson, The Queen of Junk Science • Randy Hillier, The Next Premier of Ontario • Salmon Arm BC Prohibition • The 9/11 Era of the Green Space Industry • The Failure of Integrated Pest Management • The Looming Golf Industry Shipwreck • The Industry Strikes Back • The Misconceptions About Cancer • The National Annihilation of the Modern Green Space Industry • The Wisdom of Dysdale • The Wisdom of Holland • The Wisdom of Lowes • The Wisdom of Mains • The Wisdom of the Solomons • Wisconsin Fertilizer Prohibition — Ask for a Copy of Any Back Issue of Force Of Nature Today. Read All About Enviro-Maniacs and Their Environmental-Terror-Organizations in Force Of Nature ! The Whole Truth From An Independent Perspective !