

A report on the « environmental movement » for the Green Space Industry from an independent perspective.



## **The Environmental Movement in Canada. Part 1.**

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### **The Axis of Environmental Evil.**

The Government of Ontario, in collaboration with their allies in the environmental movement, and the organizations that fund environmental advocacy, constitute The Axis of Environmental Evil, which overtly threatens to annihilate the Green Space Industry. More precisely, The Axis of Environmental Evil can be defined by the three following organizations —

- The environmental movement itself, with its special interest groups that operate as distinct entities.
- The organizations that are a source of funding for the environmental movement.
- The political parties and governments that collaborate with the environmental movement by instituting environmental public policy.

### **Environmental public policy.**

Environmental public policy is defined as the course of action taken by a government regarding issues, such as the environment, human health, and of course, pest control products. In cases like the legislation of the Ontario Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Act, public policy has been adopted for one or several of the following reasons —

- To address the loss of confidence in the federal regulatory process.
- To fulfill a promise stating that a ban would be implemented.
- To intervene due to the Green Space Industry's apparent inability to self-regulate.
- To minimize the perceived or potential harmful effects on the public.
- To respond to pressure from environmentalists and their groups.

The two following groups are the obvious political/governmental culprits that can be held accountable for the legislation of the Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Act —

- The Ontario Liberal Party which has formed the Government of Ontario under Premier Dalton McGuinty.
- The New Democratic Party of Ontario (N.D.P.), which is one of two opposition parties in Ontario.

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