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## Ontario pesticide ban raises bar for other provinces



Ontario's ban on lawn and garden pesticides will protect human health and the environment from an unnecessary source of chemical exposures. (Credit: [rvdjh](#) via Flickr)

On April 22, 2009, Ontario became the second Canadian province (after Quebec) to ban the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides. Ontario's new legislation and regulation provides for the most comprehensive restrictions on lawn and garden pesticides in North America.

Despite certain limitations, the new ban will protect human health and the environment from an unnecessary source of chemical exposures. More than 250 previously sold chemical pesticide products are now banned in Ontario, Canada's most populous province.

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