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Kamloops won't regret a pesticide ban

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I am writing to you as a private citizen living in the city of Montreal, Quebec, where we have had a pesticide ban in place for many years.

From what I understand, your beautiful city of Kamloops is considering imposing a ban on the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes. Kudos to you!

Life does go on, being pesticide-free. The lawn care companies are still in business, having switched over to safer, non-toxic products. Perhaps, they have even more clients now, knowing that their lawns are pesticide free. You've got to think about your children playing on the lawn. Think about your pets. As you dog owners know, many of them are grass-nibblers. Why would you knowingly let them graze on pesticide treated grass?

Shame on you. Think about your chemical-sensitive neighbors. You are depriving them of enjoying the outdoors because you choose to spray. I am very thankful we have none of these issues here.

You can still have a beautiful lawn. There are alternative methods. I have a novel idea I'd like to share. Have you ever thought of physically removing dandelions yourself? I do it. My neighbors do it. Or, you can

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buy a dandelion remover tool sold at most stores. No bending required. Cmon people, the exercise will do you good.

The bottom line here is common sense. Why use toxic chemicals where there is absolutely no need to? Educate yourselves. Do your homework. There is a lot of easily accessible info out there.

Do the right thing, for yourself and everyone you love. Support the ban on cosmetic pesticide use. You won't regret it. We don't.

From a concerned person who is totally enjoying her pesticide-free green space. Have a nice day. I know I will.

JOANNE McDONALD

Pierrefonds, Quebec

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It is IMPOSSIBLE for home-owners or professionals to keep their properties beautiful by using so-called Green Alternative Pesticides. There are NO viable, efficacious, economical, or low-risk alternatives to replace conventional pest control products. In many cases, Green Alternative Pesticides are questionably HIGHER IN TOXICITY, and pose HIGHER ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS. A well-maintained conventional lawn and landscape can ONLY BE ACHIEVED WITH CONVENTIONAL pest control products and fertilizers. Fortunately, CONVENTIONAL pest control products are SAFE, EFFECTIVE, ECONOMICAL, and LOW-RISK. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-24g> PESTICIDE BANS have DESTROYED public and residential Green Spaces by turning them into GARBAGE DUMPS. Summary of CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE caused by PESTICIDE BANS ● Children At High Risk of Tripping and Becoming Seriously Hurt ● Dandelions the Dominant Ground Cover ● Dead Mature Street Trees ● Hazardous Slipping Conditions In Sports Turf ● Lawns Decimated by Insects like White Grubs ● Lawns in Entire Neighborhoods Ruined by Pests ● Parks Infested With Weeds ● Rose Plantations Dying and Removed by Cities <http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha>

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