

# Permitted Pesticides

## What are Pesticides?

Pesticide refers to any substance that is designed to prevent, kill or repel unwanted organisms. It is a general term which also covers more specific terms such as:

- Insecticides — for insects.
- Herbicides — for plants.
- Fungicides — for fungal diseases.

## Why should I worry about using pesticides?

There are many risks associated with pesticide use.

- Damage to human health, non-target plants, pets and other animals.
- Pollutes water — streams, the ocean.
- Contaminates soil and groundwater.
- Several types of cancer are linked to pesticide exposure.
- Hormone disruption is also connected.

Young children are at greater risk. Why?

- Undeveloped immune systems.
- More permeable skin.
- Their behavior — they play on the ground and put things in their mouths.

## What are some pesticides I can use?

- Acetic acid — vinegar-based products like Path Clear.
- Corn gluten meal — use this natural herbicide for turf weeds.
- Methoprene — an insect growth regulator.
- Botanically derived pesticides — pyrethrins and rotenone.
- Insect bait stations and pheromones.
- Insecticidal or herbicidal soaps.
- Mineral oils.
- Sulphurs, ferrous sulphate — moss killer.
- Diatomaceous earth — silicon dioxide.
- Biological pesticides — including *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) and nematodes.
- Sticky traps and other sticky insect barriers.
- Borax or boric acid.
- Aerosol sprays for wasps

You can see the full list of low-risk pesticides in [Schedule A of the pesticide bylaw \[PDF - 37 KB\]](#).

## Are there other exceptions?

Yes. The bylaw does not apply if you're managing certain pests.

### Qualifying Pests

- Transmit human diseases.
- Have an impact on agriculture or forestry.
- Are on or inside buildings.
- Are on a parcel of land that is used solely for commercial, institutional or industrial purposes. **Golf courses** for example.
- Are on residential areas of farms.

### Which pesticides are prohibited??

You are restricted in the general use of traditional products containing synthetic chemicals. This includes many common products.

- Glyphosate — Roundup, Sidekick and many more
- 2,4-D — Weed n' Feed, Killex etc.
- Malathion
- Carbaryl — Sevin
- Diazinon
- Mecoprop
- Dicamba

Remember, the above example product names are only a sample of popular brands that are not on the permitted list. Please check the ingredients of your product for their chemical content.

### How can I tell if a product I bought is okay under the bylaw?

You need to be sure that any active ingredient (or GUARANTEE) are on the list of permitted low-risk pesticides. If your active ingredient is NOT on the list, then you cannot use the product.

- See the full list of permitted pesticides in [Schedule A of the bylaw \[PDF - 37 KB\]](#).

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