

*Force of Nature*  
*The Whole Truth from an*  
*Independent Perspective*

# **The Trade Associations Capitulate !**

**Part 1**

# LandsCAPE Trades Capitulate !

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If we  
appease the  
environmental  
terrorists,  
maybe they  
will leave  
us alone !

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Force of Nature has heard from people who are angry and upset ...

### What is LandsCAPE Ontario (L.O.) ?

With more than 2,000 professional members, LandsCAPE Ontario alleges to be the province's PREMIER horticultural trades association. The mission of LandsCAPE Ontario is supposed to be as THE leader in representing, promoting, and fostering a favourable climate for the advancement of the horticulture industry in Ontario, but certainly NOT for the advancement of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry.

LandsCAPE Ontario is supposed to be a dynamic association offering professional development opportunities, industry trade shows, conferences, consumer events, and cost savings benefits. Professional development opportunities may not be readily available if you own a business that is a Modern Professional Lawn Care Company.

LandsCAPE Ontario's membership is organized by a chapter system. The opportunity to network is supposed to be one of the founding principles of LandsCAPE Ontario. Unfortunately, if you are a Professional Lawn Care Company, you will be forced to network with mobs of organo-maniacs that support the prohibitionist Enviro-Terror Movement, just like LandsCAPE Ontario.

The LandsCAPE Ontario chapters hold regular meetings that are supposed to provide a forum for education, professional development and networking. Many meetings are now rampant with anti-pesticide sentiment. Furthermore, LandsCAPE Ontario has now become a haven for organo-maniac companies that allege, deceitfully, to have better and safer methods of pest control than Modern Professional Lawn Care.

LandsCAPE Ontario's ten commodity groups are supposed to address the specific needs of the various industry sectors. These groups meet regularly to look at sector-specific issues and initiate solutions, except perhaps if you are a Modern Professional Lawn Care Company. Most of the time, Modern Professional Lawn Care Companies will feel ostracized by several LandsCAPE Ontario members, many of whom are organo-maniacs that support Terror against the Green Space Industry. Moreover, lawn maintenance companies operated by organo-maniacs will seemingly use LandsCAPE Ontario meetings to validate the use and distribution of their so-called « *organic* » products, many of which may be philosophically and financially linked with Environmental Terror Organizations that have conspired to prohibit FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, and TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE pest control products.

Through the efforts of members, volunteers and staff, LandsCAPE Ontario provides a unified voice for the horticulture industry in Ontario, except perhaps for the Professional Lawn Care Industry, which has been told « *Take care of your own problems !* ».



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# LandsCAPE Ontario

## THERE ARE OPTIONS TO FIGHT WEEDS (?!?!?!?)

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There are options to fight weeds.

### Background Information from an Independent Perspective

WRONG ! THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS IS THE ONLY  
VALID, EFFECTIVE, AND SAFE OPTION !

Now that the provincial pesticide ban has become a reality, what  
has your company done to deal with weed problems ?

SOME COMPANIES WERE UNDER THE DELUSION THAT LANDSCAPE ONTARIO  
WOULD SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR, AND JOIN  
FORCES WITH THE PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO, IN A  
LEGAL CHALLENGE AGAINST THE MALICIOUS, SENSELESS, AND NEEDLESS PROHI-  
BITION OF FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, AND TOTALLY IR-  
REPLACEABLE PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS !

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At our most recent Grounds Management sector group meeting, we allowed ourselves to wander off topic to discuss this very question.

### Background Information from an Independent Perspective

HOW TOTALLY MAGNANIMOUS OF LANDSCAPE ONTARIO TO PERMIT ITSELF TO « WANDER » ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT MATTER DURING A LIKELY COFFEE BREAK ! THE PROHIBITION OF LEGAL, SAFE, AND IRREPLACEABLE PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS IS THE GREATEST DISASTER TO BEFALL THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. FORTUNATELY, LANDSCAPE ONTARIO ORGANIZERS « ALLOWED » THEMSELVES, IN A MOMENT OF FRIVOLITY, TO « DISCUSS » THE MATTER.

We came up with a wide variety of strategies that have proven effective.

THIS OUGHT TO BE GOOD !

Through this sharing of ideas, we all left that meeting with more options to add to our toolbox.

THIS OUGHT TO BE GOOD !

So, just what is going on in the industry ?

GEEZ ! WE DON'T KNOW ! DO YOU ?!?!?

Some have chosen to fight the onslaught of weeds in turf by focusing on the soil.

WRONG ! THIS MANAGEMENT PRACTICE MAY SLIGHTLY « SUPPRESS » WEEDS, BUT IT WILL NOT EFFECTIVELY « CONTROL » THEM !

Nurturing the microbial life that exists in the soil will create a growing environment suitable for the turf to outcompete weed species.

WRONG ! THIS MANAGEMENT PRACTICE MAY SLIGHTLY « SUPPRESS » WEEDS, BUT IT WILL NOT EFFECTIVELY « CONTROL » THEM !

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Using biologically active compost as a topdressing material is an important part of this process.

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WRONG ! CLEARLY, THE RECOMMENDATION ORIGINATES FROM AN ORGANO-SUPPLIER OF SUCH PRODUCTS.

It gives good results when combined with other cultural practices like aerating, over-seeding, proper watering and proper cutting.

WRONG ! THESE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES MAY SLIGHTLY « SUPPRESS » WEEDS, BUT THEY WILL NOT EFFECTIVELY « CONTROL » THEM !

In situations where weeds already exist, removal may be required with an item such as a manual weed puller, which is effective when weed populations are not too high.

PULLING WEEDS BY HAND IS THE LANDSCAPE ONTARIO SOLUTION FOR TRAINED PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED IN THE PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE INDUSTRY ! CONGRATULATIONS TO L.O. FOR SUPPORTING THE IDEA THAT LAWN CARE TECHNICIANS ARE NO BETTER THAN « SWEAT-HOG SLAVES OF TIMES PAST ». THE BACK-BREAKING TASK OF PULLING THOUSANDS OF WELL TAP-ROOTED WEEDS PER DAY SHOULD BE A JOB GIVEN TO ALL ORGANIZERS OF LANDSCAPE ONTARIO !

However, hand weeding is labour-intensive and effective only on clumping weeds.

For the more adventurous, weed flamers are available and especially useful for getting rid of weeds growing through hard surfaces.

WRONG ! CAN ANYONE IMAGINE THE CLAMOURING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR ORGANIZATIONS AND CHILDREN'S' ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF HUNDREDS OF OPEN-FLAME MECHANISMS ON RESIDENTIAL HOME LAWNS ?!?! LANDSCAPE ONTARIO EVIDENTLY CAN !?!? WRONG IDEA !

Extreme caution is necessary when working near structures, as non-targeted areas may catch fire. [ YA THINK !?!?! ]



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In more ecologically sensitive areas, hot water may be the best approach.

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WRONG ! CAN ANYONE UNDERSTAND THE RISKS TO EMPLOYEES AND BY-STANDERS WHEN ROUTINELY HANDLING HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF BOILING HOT WATER ON RESIDENTIAL HOME LAWNS AND PUBLIC PLACES ?!?!?

One company supplies their crews with electric kettles.

THEN, THIS COMPANY IS OBVIOUSLY OPERATED BY IDIOTS !

This enables them to kill weeds and enjoy a cup of tea while doing it.

! WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS COMMENT. NUTS !

Fatty acids and acetic acid are also available as non-selective spray solutions, though repeated applications are often necessary to achieve a kill.

WHAT LANDSCAPE ONTARIO IS SAYING IS THIS ... WE USED TO HAVE EFFECTIVE CONVENTIONAL WEED CONTROL BEFORE PROHIBITION ! NOW, WE HAVE INEFFECTIVE WEED CONTROL PRODUCTS, AND THEY REQUIRE MANY MORE APPLICATIONS ! EVIDENTLY, LANDSCAPE ONTARIO SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF INCREASING THE FREQUENCY OF HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS !

As you can see, options are available.

WRONG ! THERE ARE NO EFFECTIVE OPTIONS TO FIGHT WEEDS !

Not all options make sense in all circumstances, but through experimentation you will be able to find something that works for you.

WE ARE SAD TO REPORT THAT IT IS THE ORGANIZERS AT LANDSCAPE ONTARIO THAT MAKE NO SENSE WHATSOEVER ! WHAT WOULD HAVE MADE SENSE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO CONTINUE THE WAR AGAINST PROHIBITION AND TERROR !

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### Background Information from an Independent Perspective

#### There are NO effective options to fight weeds !

The needless prohibition of LEGAL, SAFE, and TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE pest control products appear to favour some questionable alternative products. The so-called LOWER-RISK ALTERNATIVES or GREEN ALTERNATIVES that are being proposed to replace conventional pest control products are NOT all as low risk or non-toxic as some people assume them to be. Nor are these products as efficient or efficacious as we are being led to believe.

The selection of GREEN ALTERNATIVES to LEGAL and SAFE conventional pest control products will likely follow various combinations of QUESTIONABLE criteria, such as ...

- The green alternative must be BIOLOGICAL.
- The green alternative must be arbitrarily ECOLOGICAL.
- The green alternative must be NATURAL.
- The green alternative must be arbitrarily NON-COSMETIC.
- The green alternative must be NON-SYNTHETIC.
- The green alternative must be allegedly NON-TOXIC.
- The green alternative must be ORGANIC.
- The green alternative must be allegedly REDUCED-RISK.

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The following is a brief description of potential safety problems and levels of toxicity associated with various GREEN ALTERNATIVE products. All information was obtained from product labels and material safety data sheets.

### **ACETIC ACID. ■ Product safety and toxicity.**

So-called lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf herbicides. Skin irritant. Corrosive to the eyes. Product acute oral toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>) 3310 mg/kg (rat). During application, wear gloves, long-sleeved shirt, pants, safety goggles or face shield, socks and shoes. Therefore, this product may be deemed as a dubious lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf herbicides that contain 2,4-D.

### ***Bacillus thuringiensis*. ■ Product safety and toxicity.**

May cause sensitization to the skin and eyes. No information available regarding LD<sub>50</sub>. Consequently, this product may be deemed as a dubious lower-risk green alternative to conventional insecticides. Not registered for the control of turf insects.

### **CORN GLUTEN MEAL. ■ Product safety and toxicity.**

So-called lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf herbicides. May cause sensitization to the skin and eyes. Apparent universal scientific oversight regarding the reporting of LD<sub>50</sub>. Thus, this product may be deemed as a dubious lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf herbicides that contain 2,4-D.

### **HERBICIDAL SOAP. ■ Product safety and toxicity.**

So-called lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf herbicides. May cause eye and skin irritation. May be mildly sensitizing. Product acute oral toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>) greater than 5000 mg/kg. Hence, this product may be deemed as a dubious lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf herbicides that contain 2,4-D.

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### **HORTICULTURAL OIL. ■ Product safety and toxicity.**

Can cause mild skin irritation or dermatitis after prolonged contact. Product acute oral toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>) 5000 mg/kg. Not registered for the control of turf insects.

### **INSECTICIDAL SOAP. ■ Product safety and toxicity.**

So-called lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf insecticides. An eye and skin irritant. Potential skin sensitizer. Product acute oral toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>) greater than 5000 mg/kg (rat). Hence, this product may be deemed as a dubious lower-risk green alternative to conventional insecticides.

### **NEMATODES. ■ Product safety and toxicity.**

So-called lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf insecticides. May cause mechanical irritation of skin and eyes after prolonged or repeated contact. Prolonged inhalation may lead to respiratory tract irritation, and may provoke asthmatic response in persons with asthma who are sensitive to airway irritants. No information available regarding LD<sub>50</sub>. Consequently, this product may be deemed as a dubious lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf insecticides such as imidacloprid.

### ***Sclerotinia minor*. ■ Product safety and toxicity.**

So-called lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf herbicides. May cause sensitization. Contact must be avoided with skin, eyes or clothing. Breathing dust must also be avoided. During application, wear dust/mist filtering respirator, waterproof gloves, long-sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes and socks. No information available regarding LD<sub>50</sub>. Therefore, this product may be deemed as a dubious lower-risk green alternative to conventional turf herbicides that contain 2,4-D.



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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. Norah 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 ! Mr. Gathercole and Norah G may sometimes be very irreverent and fearless with these e-newsletters. DON'T THANK US, IT'S A PUBLIC SERVICE, AND WE ARE GLAD TO DO IT.

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