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# Where’s the science to back pesticide ban?

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Re: **Dalton McGuinty killed my shrub — Aug. 2**

Columnist Peter Shawn Taylor lives in Waterloo; his house is the one without a shrub in front.

I live in Kitchener, my lawn is the one that was first destroyed by grubs, and then the grubs were feasted upon by skunks until there was nothing left.

Under Ontario’s pesticide ban, the only treatment allowed for grubs is nematodes, which they claim are only about 40 per cent effective. Then try to get rid of the skunks.

According to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, any animal trapped must be released within one kilometre of where it was trapped. Consequently, the pest control companies I contacted do not trap animals because they know the animals will return due to the close proximity of release.

Now, back to the pesticide ban. If the pesticides are so bad, why are farmers still allowed to spray them on the food we eat and why are golf courses still allowed to use them?

If the pesticides are so bad, show us some scientific proof and ban the use for everyone. I think, as usual, Premier Dalton McGuinty just buckled to a small, vocal group and didn’t do the proper research.

This letter comes from a frustrated property owner who used to have pride of ownership in her property.

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