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Posted By Gideon Forman

Posted 1 day ago

RE: "Working for the green" (April 17)

Thank you for covering Ontario's excellent new pesticide law.

But we wish you had mentioned the law's many benefits. In addition to protecting children's health, drinking water, and family pets, it will also help our economy.

Communities which have banned pesticides have seen substantial growth in their lawn care sector. In the five years following a pesticide prohibition in Halifax, for example, the number of landscaping firms in the city increased 53%, according to Statistics Canada.

And here in Ontario, major lawncare firms are already saying that, because organic methods are more labour-intensive, they'll be hiring more workers this year.

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