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## Ban cosmetic pesticides as way to fight cancer

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Re: 'Pesticide use can be safe and effective' (Daily News, Jan. 23)

The key point here is that pesticides are risky. Everyone, including Health Canada, agrees. But doctors and the Canadian Cancer Society believe that when it comes to lawn pesticides, the risk isn't worth it.

The science says people exposed to these poisons are more likely to have cancer, neurological illness and reproductive problems. Why risk cancer when we can beautify our yards and gardens using nontoxic products?

Statistics Canada tells us the number of Canadians with cancer is increasing. What better way to respond to this tragedy than a B.C.-wide ban on non-essential pesticides.

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