

Toxic response

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Re: "Let's take measured approach to pesticide ban," by David Staples, Feb. 8.

A ban on lawn and garden pesticides is supported by nearly nine out of 10 Albertans along with the province's health authorities, including the Canadian Cancer Society, the Lung Association and the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta.

It would protect local drinking water, beloved family pets and, most important, our children.

It would prohibit toxic chemicals whose only purpose is changing a property's appearance, but would allow pesticide use to protect human health - for example, to kill mosquitoes. And of course it would let Edmontonians beautify their lawns with any non-toxic product.

If this isn't a measured approach, what is?

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