

Lawn pesticides

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Re: Lorne Hepworth's letter on pesticides.

The key take-away message is that lawn pesticides have risks. Everyone, including Health Canada, admits this. In the case of many pesticides, these risks include cancer, neurological impairment, and birth defects.

Our doctors' organization, along with the Canadian Cancer Society, says the risk is not worth taking, especially when the chemicals in question are used just to change a lawn's appearance. We believe homeowners can keep their properties beautiful using non-toxic products which are effective and widely available.

The best way to protect our drinking water, beloved family pets and, most important, our children, is to ban lawn and garden pesticides right across the province.

Gideon Forman,
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The best way to protect our children and other family members is by NOT LISTENING TO GIDEON FORMAN on the issue of PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS.

Forman's RANTS have the effect of making children ANXIOUS and adults ALARMED AND ENRAGED because of his FABRICATIONS, his INNUENDOS, and his CONCOCTIONS OF IMAGINARY DANGER.

Scientific research shows, as reported through Health Canada's VAST TOXICOLOGY DATABASE, that NO HARM WILL OCCUR when pest control products are used according to label directions.

The RISK ASSESSMENT of pest control products indicates that they are PRACTICALLY-NON-TOXIC.

Consequently, it is a fact that pest control products cause NO HARM, including chronic effects such as CANCER.

Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITIONS may be IMPOSED in British Columbia under the PRETEXT of protecting children, when, in fact, CHILDREN ARE NOT AT ...RISK.

Children across North America, even in those jurisdictions with NO pesticide bans, are all protected since these products are applied at VERY LOW DOSES and represent NO THREAT TO CHILDREN.

The SAFETY ASSESSMENTS of pest control products by Health Canada and the Environmental Protection Agency take into consideration CHILDREN's physiology, behaviours, and habits WHILE PLAYING ON TREATED GRASS.

For more information about CHILDREN, go to the following web-page...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/children-are-not-at-risk/>

The best way to protect our children and other family members is by NOT LISTENING TO GIDEON FORMAN on the issue of CANCER.

Forman's RANTS have the effect of leading us into the DARK AGE OF ANTI-PESTICIDE TERRORISM where SOUND SCIENCE is trumped by JUNK SCIENCE and UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE.

There are NO pest control products that are known or probable carcinogens.

It is a MYTH to believe that pest control products somehow cause cancer.

There is NOT ONE KNOWN CANCER DEATH from the proper use of pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

For more information about CANCER, go to the following web-page...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/cancer/>

The best way to protect our children and other family members is by NOT LISTENING TO GIDEON FORMAN on the issue of HIS EXPERTISE.

Forman's RANTS have clearly demonstrated that he is SCIENTIFICALLY-IGNORANT.

Moreover, it is a fact that Forman possesses ABSOLUTELY no training, background, or expertise in matters concerning pest control products.

Forman's organization, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) is NOT a science or research organization.

Overall, CAPE is NOT EVEN a doctor's organization.

CAPE is a FUND-RAISING, PROFIT-ACCUMULATING, and LOBBYING organization.

It is LUDICROUS to believe that CAPE somehow represents the views of health care workers, such as PHYSICIANS.

CAPE DOES NOT operate as a physicians' organization.

The VAST MAJORITY of CAPE members ARE NOT EVEN PHYSICIANS.

In fact, CAPE represents an INFINITESIMALLY SMALL number of doctors.

CAPE merely represents LESS THAN 4 PER CENT of all doctors in Canada.

For more information about CAPE, go to the following web-page...

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-3s4>

The best way to protect our children and other family members is by NOT LISTENING TO GIDEON FORMAN on the issue of ALTERNATIVES TO CONVENTIONAL PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS.

Forman's RANTS have the effect of creating DANGEROUS lawns and playgrounds maintained like GARBAGE DUMPS.

It is IMPOSSIBLE for home-owners or professionals to keep their properties beautiful by using so-called Green Alternative Pesticides.

There are NO viable, efficacious, economical, or low-risk alternatives to replace conventional pest control products.

Green Alternative Pesticides are BOGUS and DISMAL FAILURES — they DO NOT WORK and they are NOT INNOVATIVE products.

Overall, Green Alternative Pesticides are INEFFECTIVE, INADEQUATE, HIGH-RISK, MORE TOXIC, and STUNNINGLY EXPENSIVE!

In many cases, Green Alternative Pesticides are questionably HIGHER IN TOXICITY, and pose HIGHER ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS.

For more information, go to the following web-page...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/green-alternatives-bogus-dismal-failures/>

The best way to protect our children and other family members is by NOT LISTENING TO GIDEON FORMAN on the issue of DRINKING WATER.

Forman's RANTS have the effect of leading ANXIOUS children and FEARFUL adults into NEELESSLY FEARING modern technology.

Pest control products used in the Urban Landscape DO NOT enter our lakes and rivers through surface run-off and storm sewers.

Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Activists like Forman ALLEGE that the PROHIBITION of pest control products in the Urban Landscape will somehow lead to lower concentrations of herbicide in our stream water.

This is WRONG!

It is a MYTH to believe that ANY PROHIBITION protects our stream water.

This allegation is FALSE, MISLEADING, and CONTRADICTS OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF RESEARCH.

For more information about DRINKING WATER, go to the following web-page...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/water-quality/>

The best way to protect our children and other family members is by NOT LISTENING TO GIDEON FORMAN on the issue of PEOPLE WANTING BANS.

Forman's RANTS have the effect of creating the MIS-GUIDED IMPRESSION that people want bans when they DO NOT.

A recent poll conducted by Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association showed that the VAST MAJORITY of BC residents are OPPOSED to a pesticide ban, and they actually FAVOUR the continued use of these products around their homes and in public green spaces.

Moreover, The Fraser Institute, one of the top 25 leading think-tanks in the world, has said that the proposed BC ban is ILL-CONCEIVED, and does NOT accurately reflect the current state of scientific knowledge.

For more information about the POLL and THE FRASER INSTITUTE, go to the following web-pages...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/the-wisdom-of-canadian-consumer-specialty-products-association/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/the-wisdom-of-the-fraser-institute/>

The best way to protect our children and other family members is by NOT LISTENING TO GIDEON FORMAN since he is UNQUALIFIED TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUE PERTAINING TO PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS.

According to Doctor Leonard Ritter, the NATION'S LEADING TOXICOLOGIST...

« There are lots of UNQUALIFIED people out there trying to undermine the efforts of the PMRA [Health Canada]. »

For more information concerning THE MYTHS ABOUT ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITION, go to the following web-page...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/myth-busting-prohibition/>

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<http://pesticidetruths.com/>

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I fully agree with Gideon Forman. Surely, it makes a lot of sense for homeowners to listen to our doctors and the Canadian Cancer Society, for unlike spokesmen for the pesticide industry they do not manufacture or sell pesticides or provide pesticide applicators' services. In other words, they are independent professionals concerned about our population's health, especially the health of our highly vulnerable young children, bearing in mind that some of the harm caused by exposure to pesticides may even affect future generations. On the other hand, as a suburban homeowner in Ottawa with a large, well-kept lawn I am convinced that it is possible to have a green, weed-free lawn without the use of pesticides. Mowing high, overseeding and also applying the seeds of the beautiful Dutch clover, in addition to periodic topdressing, produces excellent results.



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Don't believe everything that you read.

In Letters to the Editor written by Cottam (or a ghost-writer operated by Gideon Forman), the following assertion was made in order to somehow validate the PROHIBITION of pest control products in the Urban Landscape ...

« As a homeowner in suburban Ottawa, I maintain a substantial lawn in an excellent condition without the use of pesticides. »

This assertion is FALSE, since one of the contributors with NORAHG actually lives in the same condominium complex as the 82-year-old Cottam, who is reports that she is physically unable to do the slightest bit of work on her property.

According to the contributor, who prefers anonymity in order to avoid Anti-Pesticide HARASSMENT ...

« Cottam's place looks like a GARBAGE DUMP, just like the entire complex, ever since Shifty McGuinty preven...ted from using pesticides. My kid even slipped and hurt himself on a patch of weed, and we're thinking of suing the board »

As photographic proof, the contributor has sent NORAHG a photo of Cottam's lawn, which can be seen at the following web-page ...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/cottam-ghost-writers/>

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