

Price to whack weeds rises in Manitoba

The price of one lawn-care company to rise 34%

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Weeds may seem more pesky than ever during summer 2015, when increased rates for their removal will come into

Manitoba's cosmetic pesticide ban is now in effect across the province, which means paying to have weeds eliminated from your lawn will be more expensive in 2015 than in previous years.

The ban prohibits certain widely-used pesticides and the province is expected to hold workshops in the near future that help people understand all of its implications.

Dana Kapusta of Nutrilawn says the company's prices are expected to rise by 34% following the ban, but he is prepared.

"The decision is made. They are not going to change it," he said. "Us, being a small family business, we change with the times."

While Kapusta says he has pre-booked a number of clients at the increased rate, not all of his customers are signing up after they discover they will have to pay more for the same services.

"Of course we are getting pushback," Kapusta said.

"I can't say we're not getting any. We have customers who say 'we have to think about this,' but the vast majority are saying 'it is what it is.' You have a conversation and tell them why and they totally understand."

Kapusta says he wishes the province would help his company by providing a subsidy for added costs.

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- **Norah G Fon**

The CARNAGE in Manitoba will be FAR GREATER than predicted !

In BRITISH COLUMBIA, as a direct result of MUNICIPAL PROHIBITIONS, Professional Lawn Care businesses have LOST OVER 40 PER CENT OF THEIR CUSTOMERS.

In QUEBEC, OVER 60 PER CENT of the Professional Lawn Care businesses were ANNIHILATED.

Because of Ontario's 2009 PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION, the Professional Lawn Care Industry LOST OVER 500,000,000 DOLLARS, with OVER TO 12,500 UNEMPLOYED.

In ONTARIO, ONE-COMPANY-PER-WEEK DISAPPEARS INTO... [» more](#)

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- **Grumpybear**

Let's be serious here ,anyone who has to hire a company at these outrageous rates must be crazy . Lökk if you water your lawn and keep it healthy you don't need these weed folks.

- 47 minutes ago



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- **Norah G Fon**

@Grumpybear is TOTALLY WRONG ! Irrigation alone WILL NOT control weeds. Keeping a lawn healthy REQUIRES both PEST CONTROL and FERTILIZERS !



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- **vicountn**

Sounds like a corporate welfare bum looking for a hand out from the Province, must be a conservative not interested in the heath of the planit.

- 4 hours ago



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- **Norah G Fon**

@vicountn is WRONG ! The health of the planet is NOT is jeopardy. And those businesses that will suffer the carnage of prohibition are NOT operated by so-called bums. If the government insists upon arbitrarily and needlessly prohibiting products that are desperately relied upon by these businesses, then, you bet, there should be some form of compensation.



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- **Chicken Hawk Snr.**

Pull weed and sub for rock. Given up on flowers also!



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- **yokelman**

The NDP always doing stupid things. It would be a disaster if the NPD would subsidies Kapusta.



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- **Norah G Fon**

@yokelman is CORRECT ! NDP operates as the POLITICAL SHIELD for anti-pesticide & environmental-terrorist organizations.



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- **yokelman**

No subsidies for Kapusta.



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- **Norah G Fon**

Observers will speculate that if a left-wing lunatic organization asked for a subsidy, you would immediately agree. :-)

- **Centaur**

You want to charge more and be subsidized? Must be taking lessons from harper.



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- **Norah G Fon**

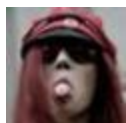
@Centaur is NOT CORRECT ! Businesses in Manitoba are on the verge of losing up to 70 per cent of their customers. Over half these businesses will disappear over the next three years. Higher charges will be necessary in order to satisfy the remaining customers. Unfortunately, the alternatives that are available for pest control are marginal at best. They are bogus and dismal failures. Insect control alternatives are non-existent ! Harper DOES NOT destroy businesses, but NDP destroys them... » [more](#)



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- **frustrated45**

Well a guess more cross boarder shopping !



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- **Norah G Fon**

@frustrated45 is QUITE RIGHT ! There will be more cross-border, AND INTERNET, shopping. PESTICIDE BANS ARE A FARCE. Residents are obtaining products either from other provinces, or mostly from across the border in the United States. It is NOT illegal to own or possess these products, only to apply them. The mis-use of products remains — thanks to PROHIBITION. No jurisdiction in Eastern Canada has EVER enforced PROHIBITION by going after residents. For more information, go to The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-4mS>



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- **frustrated45**

When you live next to a forrest who will keep the wild plants frpm taking over our lawns and gardens



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- **Norah G Fon**

@frustrated45 will have to pay for people to manually pick these weeds by hand, just like cotton-pickers !



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- **rock lake 2**

we will need to learn how to make wine,then if we drink enough of it we may get to appreciate this NDP stroke of genius



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- **Mr. Doubtful**

I wonder who created the headline for this article.

I'm sure it will be OK as long as nobody uses the Urban Dictionary to look up the meaning.

www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Weed+Whacking



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- **fedup10**

If the stuff they are allowing to be sprayed at 3x the price works as well as it does in Ontario don't even waste your money your better off on your hands and knees digging the weeds by hand.



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- **Norah G Fon**

The alternatives DO NOT work as well. They are BOGUS and DISMAL FAILURES. Since 2009, in the province of Ontario, home-owners and professionals have been forced to rely upon green alternative pesticides because of the arbitrary provincial prohibition against conventional pest control products. There is little debate about the fact that Ontario's 2009 provincial prohibition is a dismal failure, and converted communities into shabbier and dangerous pest-infested garbage dumps. <http://wp.me/P...> » [more](#)



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- **Jay19750131**

The problem of antibiotics, pesticides and other chemicals enter into the eco system mostly through the excess use of antibiotics in animal husbandry and excess dependency on fertilizers and pesticides in agriculture and yet we have the NDP government which decides to solve the problem by putting a band aid on a paper cut whereas the patient is dying of cancer. If the NDP had their way they could solve this problem by raising the PST another percent.



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- **help America**

NDP no reason forget science, allow golf courses and ban it for everyone else.
can hardly wait for the election.



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- **Allworld**

Weeds are nature's graffiti.



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- **Hot Dog39**

Over the past few years I've been going out to the lawn with a long handled screw driver and lifting the dandelions out by the root. Sometimes the root breaks off and the plant might regrow. But if your diligent, the dandelion population gets smaller and smaller. I try to pull them as soon as I see a dandelion flower, before they go to seed.

Now I have so few dandelions on my lawn, (I have about a half acre of lawn), that I have to search to find any plants, whereas before I started pulling... [» more](#)



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- **Norah G Fon**

If YOU want to spend up to 40 hours per week manually pulling weeds by hand, like a cotton-picker, that is YOUR choice. However, YOUR life-style choice MUST NOT be imposed upon the majority of residents who favour conventional pest control products.



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- **moconnor@escape.ca**

Embrace the beauty of your dandelions. They are such a lovely golden colour. Change your attitude. Save you money. Learn the benefits of dandelions. Make some wine. Then you can be sad when they only bloom for a few weeks each year.



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- **Norah G Fon**

In fact, you are attempting to impose YOUR life-style choice upon people who DO NOT want it. The vast majority of residents favour the use of conventional pest control products, and DO NOT WANT DANDELIONS. These weeds make our neighborhoods LOOK LIKE GARBAGE DUMPS, and represent a SLIPPING HAZARD for our CHILDREN !



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- **120 plus**

Sounds like a new position through Harper work programs. There are enough weed whackers in Manitoba as it is and with the low price of gas and electric lawn mowers I would demand a discount.



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- **Guy Fawkes**

Bastards!



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- **A. Farmer**

Some people are going to get rich with these new rules.



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- **Norah G Fon**

The people who get rich from prohibitions are anti-pesticide & enviro-terrorist organizations, as well as the manufacturers of BOGUS AND INEFFECTIVE alternative products like Fiesta and EcoSense.



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- **notsobadin204**

Neo-cons really hate health don't they? Oooo... and science too! Honestly you guys, is a golf course like lawn REALLY that vital to your well being? Less chemicals in our lives... a good thing!



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- **A. Farmer**

@Locgineer

I think notsobad meant a weeding trowel.



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- **Mr. Doubtful**

@notsobadin204

Neo-cons really hate health don't they? Oooo... and science too!

Funny, I live next to a NDP loving nut who still has ample quantities of that wonderful 2,4-D.



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- **Norah G Fon**

It the life-style choice of these people to prefer quiet and beautiful green spaces. They do not want to live and play on garbage dumps. YOUR choice seems to prefer garbage dumps, but that is YOUR choice, and not theirs.



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- **Norah G Fon**

Fine ! Then spend 40 hours per week manually pulling weeds like a cotton-picker !



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- **wendave**

Provide a subsidy for increased costs??? You are kidding right? What an stupid thing to say. Why the hell should we the taxpayer subsidize your business? If you can't find alternatives or a different way of doing business then pack up and do something else. You are obviously an NDP'r ---- yep, just foist your money problems on the people, raise taxes to pay for it, the public has lots of money. It's people like you that have wrecked this province and made it the highest taxed province in Canada.... [» more](#)



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- **Norah G Fon**

The businesses MUST be subsidized because the government is needlessly acting against their interests. You appear to be saying that these businesses deserve to be hurled into oblivion and destitution. In which case, you must agree to PAY for your actions. As for Manitoba, it is a wrecked province purely because of NDP. Look at how well Saskatchewan is doing.



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I used one of the NDP approved herbicides and the weeds really liked it. They grew faster.



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- **Jay19750131**

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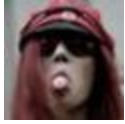
The NDP put fertilizer into it as the active ingredient. the tree huggers loved the ban... everyone else who cares....



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- **rock lake 2**

@Jay19750131 hug a logger,you will never go back to trees



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- **Norah G Fon**

That is because they are bogus & dismal failures !



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- **puck_crazy**

****sings**** "Save big money at Menards!"



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- **jaroslaw666**

@puck_crazy Doesn't matter where you buy it, using it is banned.



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- **Locgineer**

@jaroslaw666 - catch me



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- **JimBob59**

Great, kids can walk and play bare foot on the grass again.



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- **help America**

@northofwpg

Birds you got to be silly minded



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- **Locgineer**

@northofwpg - The birds don't depend on mine for food as they never flower. I do however have hundreds of flowers that do. Many are grown for the birds, butterflies, etc specifically. I do like my lawn to be clean and as some have put it, a showpiece (and proud of it) "speak not what you know not of"



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- **Norah G Fon**

With prohibition, children are now at greater risk of hurting themselves. Conventional pesticides actually save children, and prevent them from hurting themselves.



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- **Ferjuna**

Now if we could only get agricultural pesticides and herbicides banned as well then we'd have a healthier environment,.....



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- **Yes we have no bananas**

@Ferjuna There are no farms in Wolsely, except of course the vast herds of free range Mosquitoes



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- **King Bob**

@Ferjuna That's a great idea. Then we wouldn't have to worry about shipping our excess food around the world. The people in third world countries would die off and we would solve a lot of the worlds problems. No more donations to feed the starving and, no need for schools and hospitals in third world countries. Could even affect global warming as demand would drop. We would of course have major unemployment and economic collapse but, the unions would fold and the NDP would be history. You just... [» more](#)



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- **Yes we have no bananas**

I have a 5 year supply of the good stuff and a back up to get more. Will my neighbors care? No, they all did the same.



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- **just saying**

@Yes we have no bananas

I also have 10 litres of the stuff that farmers use.



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- **Jay19750131**

This is what you get when you vote in a NDP government. More government is every aspect of your life. The NDP conveniently forgot that the amount of pesticides used by home owner is miniscule compared to what is used in argiculture and else where. But here they are doing lip service to a much bigger problem.



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- **Logineer**

@Jay19750131 - They cater to the special interest groups and forget the majority.



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- **shatsman**

All you need to do is drive across the line into the US and bring it back....they forgot to include in the legislation it was illegal to transport into Manitoba.



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- **puck_crazy**

@shatsman

They can't do that. Border control is a Federal matter and Lawn Herbicides are approved safe by Health Canada and there is no Federal ban. Therefore it is legal to bring across the border. Only the Provinces maintain that internet junk science says that these Herbicides are bad.



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- **shatsman**

@puck_crazy....good point...but they could also tax the hell out of it as CBSA folks are also tax collection agents for the province. (ie..difference in duties for wine between Ontario and Manitoba)



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- **northboi**

Ridiculous legislation. Same as the ban on phosphate in lawn fertilizer. Government goes after the home consumer whose activities are a drop in the ocean compared to what goes on in agriculture and what cities themselves dump in rivers. It's all about making a media "splash". It's a joke.



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- **wellduh**

Oh that ban is plain ol silly, you can still buy it and use it in your flower garden but not your lawn. who is going enforce this?

Buy threeway at your rural farming centers in bulk, its waaaay cheaper, divide amongst.



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- **anappleaday**

Dandelion Wine anyone ? Until (He) Greg Selinger , Manitoba Premier can come up with an alternative, ... he and his NDP should stick their law where the dandelions don't grow. The real Herbicide abuser/users in this country are the Agricultural community, Golf Courses. More " Nanny State " legislation. The government always knows best, ... which begs the question : Why are we in Debt over our ears if ANY government knows best ? The reason is simple : Government USED to serve the people,... » [more](#)



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@anappleaday I don't think that the agricultural community are weed use abusers but they are certainly large users. I agree with your comment about golf courses.



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@content disabled Sorry, I meant to say herbicide use rather than weed use.



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Thank you NDP for banning safe herbicides just to satisfy your supporters who can't read labels.



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@content disabled Further to my comment, I actually use very little herbicides, just some spot spraying with pre-mixed herbicides where needed, but the ban is ridiculous.



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- **Squirrel19**

As if these companies aren't using it as an excuse to improve their profit margins...sorry but the \$ difference for pesticides before and after the legislation does not cause a 34% increase in overall prices.



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- **Swarlie**

Just another junior high story from Canada's national broadcaster....



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- **eds111**

@Swarlie And yet you read and commented on it showing how interesting you found it.



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- **Swarlie**

@eds111

Ok junior high reporter...



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- **shatsman**

He wishes the province would provide a subsidy for added costs.....yeah right. We have craters in our roads that we don't have money to fix and he wants a government subsidy for private business.

If they were going to do that they could go back to spraying the ditches, parks, and playgrounds like they did in the past which for the most part limited lawn weed. It is because of this lack of spraying (which I am not opposed to) which has led to an epidemic weed problem in city lawns.

My 2 years... » [more](#)



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- **graall**

A note to CBC..I think the article is referring to Herbicides. Just sayin.



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- **gfbeef**

@graall , actually CBC is correct, you are mistaken. Herbicides are for weeds, fungicides are for fungi, insecticides are for bugs, rodenticides are for rodents, etc, and Pesticides is used as an umbrella term for all of the "incides" listed above because they are all considered "pests."



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- **fedup10**

Good luck with that, come to Ontario the dandelion capital of Canada.



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- **viking**

Pesticide??? for weeds???? surely you mean herbicide



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- **gfbeef**

@Dark @viking, you are partly correct. yes they are referring to herbicides, but technically one can say pesticides because it's the term used to describe and "-incide" used to control "pests." Herbicides are for weeds, fungicides are for fungi, insecticides are for bugs, rodenticides are for rodents, etc.



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- **northboi**

@Dark Pesticide is an umbrella term for anything used to control unwanted pests. Be it a mouse, weed, bug or disease.



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- **Norah G Fon**

Herbicides ARE pesticides.



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- **CanookBoi**

Why doesn't some bright wit develop a groundcover that smothers out weeds and doesn't grow beyond 3 inches tall.

I mean, Monsanto can make anything, can't they ?



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- **northboi**

@CanookBoi If you thicken your lawn using topsoil and grass seed it will help choke out weeds in the long run.



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- **northboi**

@eds111 My understanding is that retailers will still be able to sell roundup, killed, etc but they will be locked in cabinets. The retailer will hand you a piece of paper along with the product explaining where you can and cannot use it....then you go home and do what you want with it. That's what makes this such a big joke.

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