

## Bugs taking advantage of Stratford pesticide ban

**Bylaw too cumbersome to save some lawns, says owner of pest control company**

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Rob Gallant of Atlantic Graduate Pest Management inspects a lawn that was damaged by chinch bugs. (Sarah MacMillan/CBC)

Inefficiencies with the pesticide ban are allowing chinch bugs to damage more lawns in Stratford this summer than in the past, says the owner of a pest control company.

Since January 1st, 2016, commercial applicators haven't been allowed to spray cosmetic pesticides at homes in Stratford. The exception is special permits for cases of bug infestations.

But Gallant said the application process is too cumbersome.



A few brown patches on a lawn can spread to the entire yard by the time a pesticide permit is complete, says Rob Gallant.

"There has been a couple of properties that, because of the process, they have completely lost their property," he said. "They have zero front lawn left."

To apply for a permit, there's a \$50 fee, he has to get the homeowner's signature, submit it to the town, and wait for an inspection.

By that time, he said, it can be too late to save the lawn.



Two adult male chinch bugs. (OMAFRA)

"When I first went to [one] property to identify it, there were a couple of small little dead patches, and now the lawn is completely destroyed."

Stratford Mayor David Dunphy says the town has received 21 permit applications, and has sent a worker out within 24 hours each time.

"It could be a situation where the applicator may have started his process, and by the time he gets to us it's taken him about five days to a week, whatever," he said. "But certainly when it gets to the town hall for the actual application, we are processing them on a, you know as quickly as possible."

Charlottetown recently **passed its own pesticide bylaw** that will come into effect next year.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-stratford-pesticide-ban-1.3698026>

**NORAHG Response**

**NO ONE WANTS THIS #@!% DANGEROUS BAN NONSENSE THAT PLACES CHILDREN AT RISK IN STRATFORD !**

Stratford's prohibition is arbitrary & discriminatory against ONLY professional lawn care businesses. It implies that ... it is safe for children and adults to walk on pesticide-treated golf courses, and eat pesticide-treated food, but it is seemingly NOT safe for them to walk and play on pesticide-treated lawns. The Stratford prohibition specifically discriminates against ONE SPECIFIC TYPE of business. Observers contend that prohibition must apply to EVERYONE. In order to be consistent and fair, there should be NO arbitrary exception statuses for anyone. Stratford's city council must PROHIBIT ALL PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS from EVERYONE, including fruit & vegetable production, golf facilities, mosquito control, nursery production, orchards, rose gardens, sod production, and sports fields. THERE SHOULD BE NO #@!!% EXCEPTIONS WHATSOEVER ! Otherwise, Stratford's imminent prohibition is arbitrary & discriminatory.

With prohibition against pest control products used in the urban landscape, residents of Stratford, on Prince Edward Island, had better get used to having their CHILDREN SUFFERING MORE AND MORE INJURIES. Any form of prohibition actually harms children and represents a danger to children ! CHILDREN ARE SAFER WITH PESTICIDES ! Because of prohibition, children are forced to play in #@!!% dangerous and pest-infested garbage dumps ! <http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7C4> In essence, children are at risk from dangerous playing surfaces which are created by #@!!% pesticide bans ! For example, in Hamilton, Ontario, children cannot play on the grass because of the proliferation of weeds that occurred because of prohibition. <http://tinyurl.com/qh5e7ve> Pest control products prevent slipping injuries on sports turf. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha> Children need pest-free sports fields to avoid falling and hurting themselves. It is impossible for homeowners or professionals to keep the urban landscape safe and beautiful by using so-called green alternative pesticides and practices. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-24g> In many jurisdictions, government officials are thinking twice about banning pesticides by looking at the experience of those jurisdictions that have suffered the hardship and stunningly exorbitant costs of this #@!!% nonsense ! <http://wp.me/P1jq40-43V> No one want this #@!!% dangerous & destructive ban nonsense !

Leading scientific experts, like Dr Katherine von Stackelberg, say they would NOT hesitate to let their children play on a lawn where lawn care products have been used as long as the products were applied according to label directions. <http://tinyurl.com/mw2fu7u> According to another leading expert, Dr James S Bus, there is NO evidence that common lawn herbicides like 2,4-D cause cancer or any health problems in children. Dr Bus has also stated that there is NO regulatory agency in the world that regards pest control products like 2,4-D as a threat to children's health.

<http://wp.me/p1jq40-7W0> According to yet another leading expert, Mr William Jordan, Deputy Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ( EPA ), parents DO NOT need to worry as long as a pest control product is used correctly. The EPA has spent a lot of time looking at products like 2,4-D, and has concluded that it is safe for kids. <http://tinyurl.com/pe6x3h9>

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