



## Groups support pesticide ban

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Re: "Pesticide ban unnecessary, says association president" (June 23).

There's a great deal of science showing people exposed to pesticides are at increased risk for serious illness.

One excellent study appeared in the prestigious journal, Paediatrics and Child Health, published by the Canadian Paediatric Society in April, 2006.

The scientists were looking at the chemical 2,4-D, the most common herbicide used to kill weeds on lawns. Their conclusion: "2,4-D can be persuasively linked to cancers, neurological impairment and reproductive problems."

It's precisely because of these dangers that Newfoundland and Labrador's most respected health authorities - including the Canadian Cancer Society, the Lung Association, the Registered Nurses Association, and the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association - support a ban on all pesticides whose only purpose is changing a lawn or garden's appearance.

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