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Avoiding Pesticides: Pesticide Alternatives

Grow [a healthy lawn without pesticides](#) (Website. New window.) to help Surrey become part of a [Pesticide-Free BC](#) (Website. New window.)



The City of Surrey has a [Pesticide Bylaw](#) (PDF. New window.), which says that you must not use pesticides on City lands and on single family residential lots in Surrey.

After you've read up on the bylaw, see what other [pesticide bylaw details](#) you'd want to be aware of.

We have our bylaw because many people consider pesticides to be harmful to people, pets and the environment. And, pesticides from your property may end up in our streams and other waterways.

Controlling insects and plant diseases

Use a natural gardening solution for [controlling pests without pesticides](#) (Website. New window.) If you know which pest is on your property, find out how to handle them in the [pest management notes](#) (Website. New window.)

Or, to just get guidance on keeping your lawn healthy and avoiding pests with the help of [The National Coalition for Pesticide-Free Lawns](#) (Website. New window.) There are many [safe ways to control pests](#) (Website New window.), so find the solution that works for you and your family.

Managing weeds

Replace pesticide use with a natural approach. Find your [alternative to chemical pesticides](#) (Website. New window.) to manage those pesky weeds.

Avoiding fertilizers

Use a natural fertilizer made of organic compost. This will increase the health of your soil and healthier lawn will be more likely to choke out weeds. There are many [natural lawn care](#) (Website. New window) solutions to keep your lawn healthy and green, without fertilizers.

Read the label on the product under the GUARANTEE, and avoid products that contain ingredients like 2, 4-D, mecoprop or dicamba.

Pesticide examples

A pesticide is a product that prevents destroys repels or mitigate any pests, plants, insects and plant diseases. Pesticides used on lawns and gardens include

- herbicides (which kill plants)
- insecticides (which kill insects)
- molluscicides (which kill slugs and snails) and
- fungicides (which kill fungi).

Contact Information


For questions regarding the City's mosquito control program, contact Mosquito Control Hotline [604-872-1912](#) or the [City mosquito control program online](#).

For questions regarding pesticide applications in City parks, contact [604-501-5050](#).

For questions regarding pesticide applications on City road allowances, contact [604-591-4152](#).

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