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Kelowna's pesticide bylaw regulates the use of pesticides for non-essential purposes.

Pesticides include insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and rodenticides.

To learn more about the bylaw visit [www.kelowna.ca](http://www.kelowna.ca) under "Residents/Environment/Pesticides" or call 250 469-8982.



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If we don't stop using pesticides, how are we going to teach our kids about the birds and bees?

Many people think pesticides help make their lawn healthier, when in fact, the opposite is often true. In addition to being harmful to human health and the environment, pesticides often kill beneficial organisms, resulting in a lawn that is pesticide dependent as opposed to naturally healthy.

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## Building a healthy lawn

The key to pest management is a healthy lawn. Skip the weed and feed and pesticide products and follow these simple tips to grow great grass:

- Mow high (6-8 cm) and often
- Keep mower blades sharp and leave grass clippings on your lawn
- Water your lawn deeply but infrequently
- Fertilize using a light application of organic fertilizer

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Try these additional tips to take your lawn to the next level:

- Top dress annually with 0.5 to 1 cm of good quality compost on top of your lawn
- Overseed over your existing lawn around mid-April or mid-September by spreading grass seeds recommended for your area
- Aerate in spring or fall to help your lawn breathe

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