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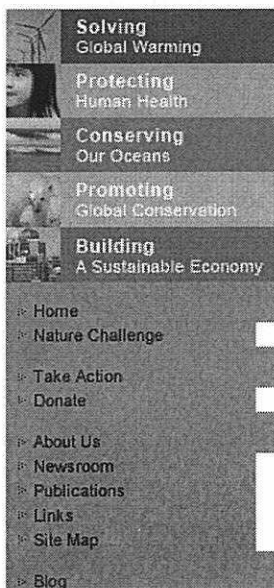
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Protect your health by eliminating cosmetic pesticides in your community, says David Suzuki Foundation

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VANCOUVER - Today, the David Suzuki Foundation issued suggestions to protect human health and nature by reducing **cosmetic pesticides**. Information about dangerous **cosmetic pesticides** is included in the Foundation's latest monthly online newsletter, which can be found at www.davidsuzuki.org/wol/Challenge/Newsletter/april2004_pesticides/

"**Cosmetic pesticides** are bad news" says broadcaster and scientist Dr. David Suzuki. "**Pesticides** are everywhere today, and many of them contain ingredients known or suspected of causing cancer. We shouldn't be putting our health in danger just because we like to garden or play golf."

The Ontario College of Family Physicians recently released a report showing consistent links between pesticide exposure and serious illnesses such as cancer and neurological diseases. The organization recommended that people reduce their exposure to all **pesticides**—including the ones commonly found in .

For more information on **cosmetic pesticides** and how you can reduce them in your community, visit www.davidsuzuki.org/wol/Challenge/Newsletter/april2004_pesticides/

Here are just a few of the newsletter's useful suggestions:

- * Replace chemical **pesticides** at home with non-toxic alternatives: Kids are especially susceptible to the dangers of chemical **pesticides** because of their small size.
- * Plant native: Organic pesticide-free gardening works by planting grasses, flowers and shrubs native to your region.
- * Stop **cosmetic pesticides** in your city: Concern over health effects has led over 60 communities — including some of Canada's largest cities - to ban **cosmetic pesticides**.

David Suzuki is inviting all Canadians to take the Nature Challenge by reading the 10 best ways individuals can protect nature and signing up online at www.davidsuzuki.org. Over 100,000 people have taken the Nature Challenge since its launch in 2002 and the number grows each day.

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