

# Pesticide ban

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As another year ends, it's depressing that Calgary still doesn't protect its citizens from toxic lawn chemicals. Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and dozens of other municipalities long ago banned non-essential pesticides. Calgary continues to allow these poisons to be used, despite the fact they're linked to cancer and birth defects. The situation is especially galling because homeowners can easily maintain their properties with effective, non-toxic products.

Perhaps in 2012, more than 20 years after the country's first municipal pesticide prohibition was passed, the city will finally offer Calgarians the protection enjoyed by millions of other Canadians.

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