

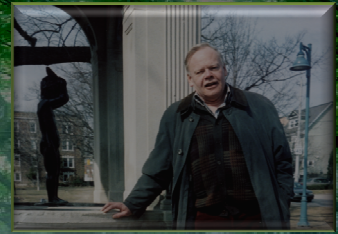


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# The Wisdom of Art C. Drysdale



## Nematode Insecticide

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Selected and adapted excerpts

NEMATODES DO NOT WORK, and I DO NOT RECOMMEND THEM.

According to Pamela Charbonneau, Turfgrass Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, in a Factsheet on Lawn Maintenance —

<< Apply beneficial nematodes for the marginal control of European Chafer and Japanese Beetle larva. >>

( The emphasis on marginal control is mine, but it important to note. )

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Currently, nematodes have not been widely-adopted for use by the turf industry because of their high cost and because the environmental conditions necessary to guarantee the success of the nematode treatments rarely exist.

In addition to all of this, nematode insecticides are not registered as pest control products in Canada.

Neither the federal nor the provincial governments have officially scheduled or classified nematode insecticides as a pest control product.

However, nematode insecticides are listed as alternative pest controls for turf by Guelph Turfgrass Institute of the University of Guelph and the Province of Ontario.

Consequently, there is no obligation on the part of the manufacturer to divulge a full range of safety information such as human toxicity and environmental impact, which is the case with conventional pest control products.

This information will eventually be required, not just concerning the nematodes themselves, but also for the symbiotic bacteria that they carry.

It is inevitable that the failure to regulate nematode products will eventually create a public relations problem.

It will not be taken for granted for very long that an organism that is defined as infective will require the need for more safety information in order to justify its status as reduced-risk.

Additionally, the failure to regulate nematode products appears to be in direct contravention of the federal definition of a pest control product (or pesticide), as interpreted by the federal Pest Control Products Act.

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Above: Shot of an entomo-pathogenic nematode; and a typical Canadian package of nematodes for garden use

# Canada's best-known horticulturist for the past four decades as celebrity writer, as well as radio and television broadcaster

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Drysdale is one of Canada's best-known horticulturists. For the past four decades he has been writing, and presenting radio and television broadcasts, with practical garden hints on stations such as CFRB, AM740 and CFCA. He also presented all of Canada's Weather Network gardening vignettes, hourly from April to October annually for a decade; as well as being the spokesman for The Garden Claw across the country. A life-long resident of Toronto and a horticulturist well-known all across Canada, Drysdale is now a resident of Parksville, British Columbia on Vancouver Island, just north of Nanaimo. He has renovated an old home and has a new garden there. His radio gardening vignettes are heard in south-western Ontario over two radio stations : Easy 101 FM out of Tillsonburg at 2 PM weekdays, and CD98.9 FM out of Norfolk County at 11:40 AM weekdays.

As a speaker, Drysdale has addressed amateur and professional groups all across Canada, as well as in the U.S., England, Holland, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa, and aboard cruise ships. Drysdale graduated from East York Collegiate in 1957, with the Ontario Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma. He was active and held several executive positions in the East York Garden Club, 1955-69. He attended The Niagara Parks Commission School of Gardening ( now NPC Botanical Garden and School of Horticulture ), 1958-61, where he won all five awards presented at the graduation. He initiated/edited the school's first yearbook.

From graduation in March 1961 until August 1962, Drysdale worked with the Shur-Gain Division of Canada Packers where he developed new consumer fertilizer products ( Feed 'n Weedaway, for example ), wrote various consumer literature, and consulted with consumers and the turf industry. He was then employed with Sheridan Nurseries Limited, 1962-69, Drysdale was Chief Horticulturist and Advertising Manager, with full responsibility for their catalogues and botanical nomenclature. In December 1963, Drysdale began writing a feature column for a new magazine, Canadian Nurseryman, and continued to do so until March 1969. He was also a member of the founding committee. In 1964, he was appointed part-time Executive Director and Editor with the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association ( CP/RA ), with the office in his home. In 1969-70, he was employed full-time as CP/RA Executive Director, and Editor of Recreation Canada. He set up CP/RA's first permanent office in Ottawa in early 1971. From 1971-1978, he free-lanced as a horticultural writer and published/edited Recreation Canada. In 1973, he was appointed Regional Director ( Canada ) of the Garden Writers Association of America ( GWAA ). During 1979-81 period he served as President of the Garden Writers Association, the first-ever Canadian to hold the office representing over 1,000 members, mostly in the U.S.A. In March 1975, Dent Canada published his book Gardening Off The Ground that he wrote on the invitation of the publisher. It was the first Canadian book for balcony gardeners. In July 1996, he self-published a completely revised and enlarged version, including his own colour photos.

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Force Of Nature, and its various incarnations, is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleagues. Mr. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from McGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the Green Space Industry, including GOLF, PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, and has served in environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful and safe execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues have followed the evolution of LUNATIC ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter century. For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of the VERMIN OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Their involvement in Environmental Issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with his colleagues, legal action against the Forces of Environmental Evil in the Town of Hudson, Quebec.

Today, Mr. Gathercole is the ONLY TRUE RELIABLE WITNESS of the Hudson Affair. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. His vast knowledge of our long journey with Environmental Issues is UNDENIABLE — hopefully! Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as FOUNDER of Force Of Nature.

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