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THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from  
National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG)





# Congratulations to the Province of Alberta

Alberta's Decision to Not Create Restrictions  
or Laws Against Pest Control Products

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Selected and adapted excerpts







## The Wisdom of a REAL Expert

Alberta Environment noted that municipal and provincial governments struggle with the shifting attitudes in public concern towards risk associated with the use of pest control products in urban landscapes.

Alberta Environment also observed that the public is dealing with a wide variety of CONFLICTING INFORMATION on this topic.

Alberta Environment intends to continue to strongly support using science-based evidence, and will NOT CREATE RESTRICTIONS OR LAWS THAT CONFLICT WITH HEALTH CANADA, the federal agency relied upon for health and safety assessments.

Restricting access to products that are designed and approved to be used safely CONFLICTS with Alberta Environment's assessment of the public's need for access to all tools available for controlling a variety of pests.

In response to this question, Alberta Environment has provided a LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER and a review of pesticide active ingredients banned in other provinces.

The Ministry's response indicates NO INTENT TO BAN THE SALE OF ANY PESTICIDES IN ALBERTA beyond the previous action prohibiting the sale of 'weed and feed' combination herbicide/fertilizer products.

Here is the letter.





## The Wisdom of a REAL Expert

Letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Government of Alberta  
( continued ) —

*Alberta Environment has monitored pesticide bans over the past few years and the approaches taken by other jurisdictions, and has found the basis for municipal action CONFUSING AND INCONSISTENT.*

*To achieve a more unified approach within their jurisdictional boundaries, some provincial governments have responded to the municipal bans, which has created FURTHER CONFUSION AND INCONSISTENCY.*

*Alberta Environment has the mandate for pesticide management in Alberta, which involves the classification of pesticides and the authorizations required for their sales and use.*

*The Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada has the mandate for approval of pesticides for use in Canada.*







## The Wisdom of a REAL Expert

Letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Government of Alberta  
( continued ) —

*This action was supported by all provincial governments, Alberta municipal governments and industry.*

*In addition, the federal government is no longer supporting such ‘weed and feed’ coupled formulations for lawn and turf use and these products will no longer be available in Canada after December 31, 2012.*

*Alberta Environment will continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT USING SCIENCE-BASED EVIDENCE, and will NOT CREATE RESTRICTIONS OR LAWS THAT CONFLICT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, who we rely on for health and safety assessments.*

*Restricting access to products that are designed and approved to be used safely CONFLICTS with our assessment of the public’s need for access to all tools available for controlling a variety of pests.*





## The Wisdom of a REAL Expert

Alberta DOES NOT INTEND TO PROHIBIT  
the sale of pest control products

Letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Government of Alberta  
( continued ) —

*Whether favourable or not, the impact on the consumer is contributing to GREAT CONFUSION, and is leading to compliance and enforcement challenges.*

*Alberta Environment DOES NOT INTEND TO MOVE TO PROHIBIT the sale of pesticides beyond the current prohibition we have on 'weed and feed' lawn care products.*

So said Alberta Environment's Ernie Hui, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Division.



The nation's best-known celebrity horticulturist, plant expert, writer, speaker, radio and television broadcaster

**Art C. Drysdale** <http://www.artdrysdale.com>

### Media highlights and accomplishments

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Mr. Drysdale is one of Canada's best-known horticulturists.

Mr. Drysdale is best known for his syndicated radio show and commercials for the Garden Claw.

For the past four decades, he has been writing, and presenting radio and television broadcasts, with PRACTICAL GARDENING HINTS on stations such as CFRB, AM740 and CFCA.

His radio GARDENING VIGNETTES are heard throughout South-Western Ontario over two radio stations —

- Easy 101 FM out of Tillsonburg at 2:00 PM weekdays

- CD98.9 FM out of Norfolk County at 11:40 AM weekdays

Mr. Drysdale also presented all of Canada's Weather Network GARDENING VIGNETTES, hourly from April to October annually for a decade.

He was the spokesman for the Garden Claw across the country.

As a speaker, Mr. Drysdale has addressed amateur and professional groups all across Canada, as well as in the United States, England, Holland, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa, and aboard cruise ships.



## Art C. Drysdale ( continued )

### Notable work with publications

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**December 1963 – March 1969** — Mr. Drysdale wrote a feature column for a new magazine, CANADIAN NURSERY-MAN. He was also a member of the founding committee.

**1971 – 1978** — He free-lanced as a horticultural writer, and published/edited RECREATION CANADA magazine.

### Notable work with books

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**March 1975** — Dent Canada published Mr. Drysdale's book GARDENING OFF THE GROUND that he wrote on the invitation of the publisher. It was the first Canadian book for balcony gardeners.

**July 1996** — He self-published his book GARDENING OFF THE GROUND in a completely revised and enlarged version, including his own colour photos.

GARDENING OFF THE GROUND is Canada's most successful and most practical book on container gardening.

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### Mr. Drysdale today

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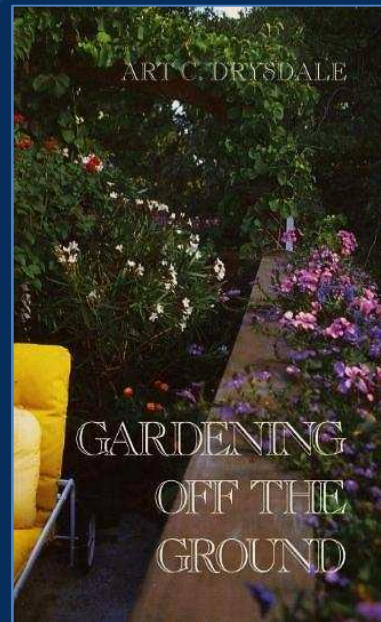
A life-long resident of Toronto, Mr. Drysdale is now a resident of Parksville, British Columbia, on Vancouver Island, just north of Nanaimo.

He has renovated an old home and has a new garden there.

### Drysdale's Wisdom

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In his daily radio GARDENING VIGNETTES, and his weekly I-CAN-GARDEN BLOG, Mr. Drysdale has effectively and consistently spoken out against activists and anti-pesticide prohibitions.



*Here's a shout-out to Alberta !*







