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# Congratulations to the Province of Alberta

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

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CONGRATULATIONS to the Province of Alberta for BUCKING THE RIDICU-LOUS TREND of banning safe, effective and federally approved chemicals for pest control!

Alberta Environment is an agency of the Government of Alberta that was requested to respond to a motion from the Transportation and Public Works Committee of the City of Edmonton.

The motion was developed at the Restriction on Pesticides Hearing, held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

The motion was for the Government of Alberta to review the PROHIBITION of pest control products in other Canadian provinces and to determine the viability of a similar approach in Alberta.



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.



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Our review notes that municipal and provincial governments struggle with the shifting attitudes in public concern towards risk associated with pesticide use in urban landscapes.

We also observe the public is dealing with a wide variety of CONFLICTING INFORMATION on this topic.

Although several municipalities across Canada have imposed bans on pesticide use within their jurisdiction, they do not have the authority to restrict sales and have looked to their provincial governments for such action.



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 CON-FUSING 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.

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

We rely on and direct all individuals, agencies or governments to this federal body [Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada ] of expertise regarding the health and safety assessments and/or toxicological concerns for the pesticides approved for use in Canada.

To date, Alberta Environment has imposed a ban only on the sale and use of lawn care products that have been formulated with coupled fertilizer and herbicide (in particular, those containing the pesticide active ingredients 2,4-D, Mecoprop, and Dicamba commonly referred to as 'weed and feed').

Our action, which involved the assessment of years of water monitoring data and sales and use data from the two major cities in Alberta, was SCIENCE-BASED and designed to remove a pesticide formulation (and not the active ingredients) that contributed to unnecessary over-application causing impact on our surface water down-stream from urban centres.



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.



Alberta Environment has monitored the sales and use of pesticides in the major urban landscapes, and our information reflects a continued need and support for such products, whether it be for weed, insect or disease control.

The variation in geography and type of pests, and the episodic nature of pest outbreaks (particularly in municipalities comprised and/or surrounded by agricultural influence) requires flexibility and continued access to pesticide products.

The pesticide bans in Eastern Canada have resulted in a range of activities, from ...

- the introduction of many new LOWER-RISK PESTICIDES
  none of which are as effective as the existing products being banned in other provinces ACD ]
- some manufacturers no longer marketing their products in Canada
- the cross-border transport of pesticides that may or may not be approved for use in Canada.



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 PROHIB-IT 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

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 Garder 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)

#### Fields of study and alma mater

ed The Niagara Parks Commission School of Gardening (now NPC Botanica Garden and School of Horticulture) where he won all five awards presented at the graduation. He initiated and edited the school's first yearbook.

**1957** — He graduated from East York Collegiate with the Ontario Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma.

**1955 – 1969** — He was active and held several executive positions in the East York Garden Club.

#### Notable work at Shur-Gain

March 1961 – August 1962 — After graduation, Mr. Drysdale worked with the Shur-Gain Division of Canada Packers where he ...

- consulted with consumers and the turf industry
- developed new consumer fertilizer products ( Feed 'n Weedaway )
- wrote various consumer literature

#### Notable work with Sheridan Nurseries

1962 – 1969 — Mr. Drysdale was then employed with Sheridan Nurseries Limited Drysdale was Chief Horticulturist and Advertising Manager, with full responsibility for Sheridan catalogues and botanical nomenclature.

## Notable work with Parks/Recreation Association

1964 — Mr. Drysdale was appointed part-time Executive Director and Editor with the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association ( CP/RA ), with the office in his home.

**1969 – 70** — He was employed fulltime as Executive Director of Canadian Parks/Recreation Association, and Editor of Recreation Canada magazine.

**Early 1971** — He set up Canadian Parks/Recreation Association's first permanent office in Ottawa.

#### Notable work with Garden Writers Association

1973 — Mr. Drysdale was appointed Regional Director (Canada) of the Garden Writers Association of America (GWAA).

1979 – 1981 — He served as President of the Garden Writers Association of America, and was the first-ever Canadian to hold the office, representing over 1,000 members, mostly in the U.S.A.

#### **Art C. Drysdale (continued)**

#### **Notable work with publications**

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

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.

For more information about GARDENING OFF THE GROUND — art@artdrysdale.com

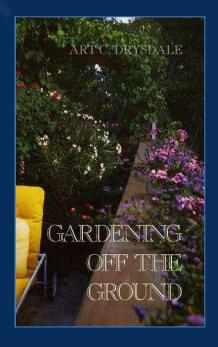
#### Mr. Drysdale today

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**

In his daily radio GARDENING VI-GNETTES, 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!



Force Of Nature



We are living in the 9|11 Era of Anti Pesticide Terrorism where at least ONE SUBVERSIVE ACT OF TERROR is Perpetrated EVERY SINGLE DAY by enviro lunatics.

We are living in the DARK AGE OF ANTI PESTICIDE TERRORISM where sound science is trumped by FAKE SCIENTISTS, JUNK SCIENCE and UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE through FABRICATION, INNUENDO, and INTERNET RUMOUR — scientific research PROVES that pest control products CAUSE NO HARM and can be USED SAFELY.

NORAHG is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green space industry

NORAHG morally represents the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of people associated with turf and ornamental plant maintenance who are OPPOSED to Anti Pesticide PROHIBITION and the CLOSURE of green spaces under the RIDICULOUS PRETEXT of somehow « saving » the environment.

NORAHG is a NATIONAL NON PROFIT NON PARTISAN organization that does not accept money from corporations or governments or trade associations, and represents NO VESTED INTERESTS WHATSOEVER.

NORAHG is dedicated to reporting the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL RE-

Anti Pesticide HUJE are enviro lunatics and lawn haters who particularly DESPISE the golf industry  $\,-\,$  they are Hateful Underhanded Jokes as Environmentalists who have been WRONG FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

There is NO RECOURSE but LITIGATION against these HUJE, as well as CANCELLATION of GOVERNMENT GRANTS and REVO-CATION of the TAX EXEMPT STATUS of their organizations. HUJE should Get OFF Our grASS, and they should Roast In Hell.

Anti Pesticide HUJE are advised that all names, statements, activities, and affiliations have been ARCHIVED for eventual CRIMINAL CHARGES.

NORAHG manages The Library of Force Of Nature Reports and References for all Anti Pesticide Terrorist Acts of Subversion.

The NORAHG of Library Force Of Nature Reports and References is a VAST ARCHIVE of DOCUMENTS, AUDIO CLIPS, and VID-EOS on ALL Anti Pesticide Activities has been made AVAILABLE through NORAHG to anyone interested in LITIGATION.

These ARCHIVES contain names, statements, activities, and affiliations of ALL anti pesticide vermin, including government officials, as well as charitable prohibition terrorist organizations that DO NOT DESERVE ANY tax exempt status.

Interested parties need only to send NORAHG their REQUESTS for ANY INFORMATION needed in the War Against Lunatic Terrorist PROHIBITION.

NORAHG also produces FORCE OF NATURE, reports that present THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE about environmental issues, including anti-pesticide terrorism.

FORCE OF NATURE is a series of reports destined for the green space industry, the environmental terrorist movement, governments, and the media, nationwide across Canada, the United States, and overseas

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Finally, NORAHG frequently responds to anti pesticide activists in LETTERS TO THE EDITOR in newspapers across Canada and around the world.

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FORCE OF NATURE, A LOOK AT, and their various incarnations, was the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleggues in 1991. Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as founder.

Here is a brief summary of Mr. Gathercole's career —

Fields of study — Horticulture/Agriculture, Mathematics, Physics

Alma mater — McGill University • University of Guelph • the first person ever to obtain university degrees and contribute to both the professional lawn care and golf maintenance industries

Expertise in — environmental issues and anti pesticide terrorism • turf and ornamental maintenance and troubleshooting • history of the industry • sales and distribution of seeds, chemicals, fertilizers, and equipment • fertilizer manufacturing and distribution

Notable activities — worked in virtually all aspects of the green space industry, including golf, professional lawn care, distribution, environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety • supervisor, consultant, and, programmer for the successful execution of hundreds of thousands of management operations in the golf and urban landscape, as well as millions of pest control applications • advisor, instructor, and trainer for thousands of turf and ornamental managers and technicians • pesticide certification instructor for thousands of industry workers • founder of the modern professional lawn care industry • prolific writer for industry publications and e-newsletters • first to confirm the invasion of European Chafer insect in both the Montreal region and the Vancouver / Fraser Valley region • with Dr. Peter Dernoeden, confirmed the presence of Take All Patch as a disease of turf in Eastern Canada • with Dr. David Shetlar, confirmed the presence of Kentucky Bluegrass Scale as an insect pest in South Western Ontario, and later, in the Montreal and Vancouver regions

Special contributions — creator of the exception status that has allowed the golf industry to avoid being subjected to ant pesticide prohibition • creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application • co-founder of annual winter convention for Quebec golf course superintendents • the major influence in the decision by Canadian Cancer Society to stop selling for profit pesticide treated daffodils • the only true reliable witness of the events of anti pesticide prohibition in the town of Hudson, Quebec • retired founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT reports

Notable award — the very first man of the year for contributions leading to the successful founding of Quebec professional lawn care industry, which served as a beach-head against anti pesticide activists in the 1980s and 1990s

Legacy — Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues ... designed and implemented strategies that reined anti pesticide activists to provide peace and prosperity for the entire modern green space industry across Canada • orchestrated legal action against anti pesticide activists in the town of Hudson, Quebec • launched the largest founding professional lawn care business in Canada • quadrupled the business revenues of one of the largest suppliers in Canada

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