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Group pushes for cosmetic pesticide-free Edmonton**1:20pm**[Click here to email Silvana Benolich](#)

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A coalition of local doctors, nurses, mothers and gardeners are launching a campaign to make Edmonton pesticide free.

They want the city to pass a bylaw, banning the use of cosmetic pesticides.

They claim these kinds of pesticides can cause a whole host of health problems, especially for children who are more vulnerable. Those problems range from short-term effects like acute poisoning, which is said to be very common, especially in children under the age of five.



Long-term permanent effects in kids and adults can include cancer, prostate damage, reproductive and nervous system problems.

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The coalition contends a municipal bylaw is the best way to ensure that doesn't happen and they're urging Edmontonians to contact their city councillors.



Edmonton and Calgary are the only two major Canadian cities that still don't have some sort of cosmetic pesticide ban in place. (sb, twd, ccg)

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