

Pesticide ignorance

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Re: "Council declines pesticide ban," The Journal, Feb. 7.

I have been suffering from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma for more than two decades. Eventually, it may well kill me.

The medical experts who examined my case unanimously believe I acquired the disease from exposure to weed killers during my employment in forestry - the same chemicals that the city's parks department, lawn companies and amateur gardeners use in our city.

I am appalled that city councillors display such ignorance of the consequences of the unnecessary use of these poisons.

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