
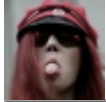


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NO ONE WANTS THIS #@!!% DANGEROUS BAN NONSENSE THAT PLACES CHILDREN AT RISK !

By NOT imposing a reckless pesticide ban, Edmonton is avoiding placing children at risk ! With pesticide bans, green spaces become pest-infested dangerous garbage dumps. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7C4> With pesticide bans, playing surfaces become thin and yellow, and over-run with weeds and infested with insects, resulting in the dismal destruction of safe turf playing surfaces. Pesticide bans cause hazardous slipping and tripping conditions in sports turf, and children become seriously hurt. Pest control products prevent slipping injuries on sports turf. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha> Children need pest-free sports fields to avoid falling and hurting themselves. It is impossible for home-owners or professionals to keep their properties beautiful by using so-called green alternative pesticides and practices. When it comes to prohibition, government officials are thinking twice about banning pesticides by looking at the experience of those jurisdictions that have suffered the hardship and stunningly exorbitant costs of this #@!!% nonsense ! <http://wp.me/P1jq40-43V> Who can afford this #@!!% ban nonsense ?!?! In fact, there are real trends against prohibition. Children need pest-free turf to avoid hurting themselves. There are dozens of jurisdictions that have kept children safe by stopping or rescinding or limiting anti-pesticide prohibition, or by granting professional lawn care businesses with an exception status. The trend against prohibition has continued again and again. No one wants this #@!!% dangerous ban nonsense that places children at risk ! The following jurisdiction have kept children safe — Alberta (Province), Altona (Manitoba), Ashland (Oregon), Beaumont (Alberta), Belleville (Ontario), British Columbia (Province), Calgary (Alberta), Campbell River (British Columbia), Chicago (Illinois), Durango (Colorado), Edmonton (Alberta), Everett (Washington), Guelph (Ontario), Guelph-Eramosa (Ontario), Kamloops (British Columbia), Kelowna (British Columbia), Merritt (British Columbia), New Brunswick (Province), Newfoundland & Labrador (Province), Ogunquit (Maine), Port Alberni (British Columbia), Portage La Prairie (Manitoba), Quebec (Prohibition Invalidated When Lawsuit Defeated Ban), Regina (Saskatchewan), Rossland (British Columbia), Salmon Arm (British Columbia), Scarborough (Maine), Saint John's (Newfoundland & Labrador), Steinbach (Manitoba), Stuartburn (Manitoba), Vernon (British Columbia), Winkler (Manitoba). EDMONTON MUST JOIN THE TRENDS AGAINST PESTICIDE BANS. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-1JO> EDMONTON CANNOT AFFORD THIS #@!!% NONSENSE ! WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G <http://pesticidetruths.com/> <http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr>

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"Keep children safe" by using chemicals to take out those evil and oh-so-dangerous dandelions? LOL!! You do realize MOWING cuts weeds as well as grass, and green spaces can naturalize with plants that actually block out weeds?

How amazing human beings are still around after so many centuries of running around on less-than-perfect lawns. Our ancestors must have been more agile than us or something...

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Randy McCumsey · Top Commenter · Fuel Truck Driver at Co-op Fort St John

The nutbar that started this whole NORAH G thing, Gathercole, is apparently retired and who is running there show for them I do not know, but I found posts similar in tone and ignorance (with the caps too, so they are nothing but consistent) to the ones penned by the phoney NORAH on this thread on other newspaper articles back as early as 2010, and a very interesting profane one posted on a PLCAO forum in which trade associations associated with the lawn care industry are lambasted as being cowardly and inept. So motives here escape me for the moment, seems almost like a cult like following!! predictions of dire doom and gloom and regret for future generations if we do not do something about this eco terrorism are the common thread. Is the lawn care industry suffering due to pesticide prohibition?? I suspect their business, especially with respect to homeowner's lawn will be more dependent on disposable income, but it might also depend on how quick they are on their feet and how innovative they are. If they stay by past ways of doing things, they are doomed, here is one that is thinking outside of the box....<http://www.cleanairyardcare.ca/about-us/clean-air-2020/>

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Response to Randy McCumsey ...

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to public and residential green spaces that become DANGEROUS AND PEST-INFESTED GARBAGE DUMPS. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3> NORAHG is concerned that, without pest control products, CHILDREN ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF SUFFERING INJURIES with the creation of HAZARDOUS SLIPPING AND TRIPPING CONDITIONS in sports turf. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha> WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G <http://pesticidetruths.com/> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr>

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When we moved out of the city onto an acreage we loved the frogs and birds and dragonflies and butterflies that were everywhere on our property. So many some days that it seemed magical. What we did not like was all the weeds. It was a hard pill to swallow coming from the city with our pristine lawn to now accept a lawn full of clover, thistle, dandelions, plantain and nettle. We did the only thing we knew how to do, we started spraying. We did an application of 2,4-D every year following the directions on the jug as to how much and when and then spot sprayed with roundup as required. We followed this regime for several years but did not end up with the pristine lawn we thought we would. The ground became hard, dry and dead. The ground was so hard and dead that it would no longer absorb water. When it rained the water would jus...See More

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And bees!!

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It is incorrect to say this has been "cleared" by Health Canada. Health Canada uses the term, "acceptable risk". It is incorrect to use the term "safe". They do not use this terminology for a reason.

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What I would like to know is acceptable to whom?? It is not acceptable to me!

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87% of Albertans want these by-laws. Grande Prairie and Jasper have made changes as IPM does not address reducing pesticides in regards to cosmetic use. IPM does not address homeowner abuse of pesticides and does not protect children from this as does the 30 metre buffer given to day cares (which is a questionable amount). A child playing in a yard beside a homeowner who is unregulated in the proper use of pesticides can suffer very serious consequences. Many homeowners abuse pesticides. 1/3 of the budget is dedicated to treating the water for the triathlon. A wonderful event but it shows you how we do not truly value our health or the environment. Both 2,4-D and round-up are the most heavily used pesticides in the city. Last fall Health Canada was sued by several groups for their lack of review of 30 pesticides. Industry funds the studies that Health Canada uses. Peer-reviewed studies indicate cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, asthma, birth defects, infertility and much more are associated with these poisons. Pesticides are in the air, soil, water and food we eat.

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Norah G Fon

Response to McCumsey ...

THE PUBLIC DOES NOT WANT THIS #@!!% BAN NONSENSE ?!?!

In 2011, a BC POLL conducted by Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) showed that the VAST MAJORITY of residents are OPPOSED to a PROPOSED PROHIBITION against the use conventional pest control products, and they actually FAVOUR the continued use of these products around their homes and in public green spaces. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2bo>

In 2011, an Ontario POLL showed that the public REJECTS PESTICIDE BANS, and MORE THAN HALF of Ontario residents believed that the provincial government DID NOT DO THE RIGHT THING by DID NOT DO THE RIGHT THING BY IMPOSING AN ARBITRARY PESTICIDE BAN. Ontario residents WOULD RATHER HAVE THE BAN SCRAPPED OR MODIFIED. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-3kB>

In February 2013, Canadian Association Of Agri-Retailers (CAAR) said there is QUESTIONABLE PUBLIC SUPPORT for PROHIBITION against the use of pest control products. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6tT>

In February 2013, a POLL conducted by Winnipeg Free Press showed that 60 PER CENT OF THE PUBLIC WERE OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6ii>

In Fall 2012, Professional Lawn Care businesses and clients sent to Manitoba Government Officials the results of a PETITION with 2,500 POST-CARDS OPPOSING A PROPOSED PROHIBITION, which was OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION to Anti-Pesticide Activists who had a MERE 1,000 signatures supporting PROHIBITION, with most signatures ORIGINATING FROM OUTSIDE MANITOBA. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-5fL>

The ONLY people who want PESTICIDE BANS are a SMALL GROUP of activists like McCumsey with VESTED INTERESTS IN CONCOCTING IMAGINARY DANGER against pest control products.

They are PUSHING PROHIBITION WITHOUT ANY JUSTIFICATION.

NO ONE ELSE WANTS THIS #@!!% BAN NONSENSE.

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Larry McCumsey · Senior Consultant at CGI's Official Page

Interesting that Ms. Heidt calls on the City to use 'factual-based science' and implies that others are being less than truthful. She then went on to tell the Council members present that Health Canada is using a third party to assess the pesticides in question. All of the registrations on record at this time are based on research performed by the manufacturers (<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/protect-proteger/regist-homolog/index-eng.php>). So much for fact-based....

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ANTI-PESTICIDE ACTIVISTS ARE NEVER SCIENCE-BASED

Non-expert anti-pesticide activists allege, with no scientific proof, that pest control products are the cause of health and environmental issues. Overall, anti-pesticide activists are not credible experts on pest control products. This problem with lack-of-activist-credibility reflects the overall larger problem with all anti-pesticide activists. There are no anti-pesticide activists who are scientists or researchers with credentials in the field of pest control products. None ! They are not competent to talk about pest control products. Non-expert anti-pesticide activists compensate for their incompetence by becoming compulsive liars who provide nothing but mis-information. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-5fk> For example, anti-pesticide activists mis-informed government officials and the public that safe, effective, and affordable green alternative pesticides were already available to replace conventional pest control products. They lied and they mis-informed ! Green alternative pesticides have been, and will always be, bogus and dismal failures. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-24g> It is wrongly assumed that alternatives are somehow safer and work as well as conventional products. By definition, alternatives are inferior, which is why they did not win the market-place originally. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-5R8> Moreover, instead of increasing the public's awareness of the largest known preventable

causes of health issues, such as smoking and diet, anti-pesticide activists prefer scamming, deceiving, and alarming the public into believing there is some imaginary danger with conventional pest control products. Rather than providing information for improving the life-style choices of the public that could, without a doubt, actually save lives, anti-pesticide activists prefer concocting myths, deceptions, fear-mongering, fraudulent lies, misconceptions, coercion, threats, terror, and paranoid conspiracies against conventional pest control products. Non-expert anti-pesticide activist lies and mis-information are followed by a hysterical rush to adopt new prohibitions. Pest control products are scientifically-safe, and will not cause harm to people, animals, or the environment. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7HR> WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G <http://pesticidetruths.com/> <http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr>

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