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Town adopts pesticide bylaw

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The Town of Qualicum Beach adopted its much-discussed Pesticide Use Bylaw Monday.

As of next July 1, people can no longer use traditional chemical-based pesticides on their lawns, trees and gardens.

It does not apply to land that is agricultural, commercial, institutional or industrial or to the insides of buildings.

As well, a schedule attached to the bylaw excludes 46 pesticides, including vinegar, insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, sticky traps, cleansers, diatomaceous earth and wood preservatives.

Coun. Jack Wilson opposed the bylaw, saying it forms another part of the "nanny state": we know what's best for you.

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