



Pesticide Regulations & Consultations

Pesticides are regulated at federal, provincial and municipal levels.

Provincial Legislation

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy administers the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Act and Regulation, the primary regulatory tools governing the sale and use of pesticides in the province. The Ministry relies on the federal Pest Control Products Act, and the expertise of the PMRA of Health Canada, to evaluate and determine acceptable uses for pesticides registered for sale in B.C.

- [Integrated Pest Management Act \(IPMA\)](#)
- [Integrated Pest Management Regulation \(IPMR\)](#)
- [Integrated Pest Management Act and Regulation Summary \(PDF\)](#)

Amendments & Consultation

Changes regarding Aquaculture

The province is proposing to amend the Integrated Pest Management Regulation in response to concerns surrounding pesticide-use to manage sea lice. A Regulatory Proposal that describes the changes and consultation process has been posted for public consideration.

Please see the [IPM stakeholder engagement page](#) for information on the proposed changes and how to submit a response.

Changes on the Cosmetic Use of Pesticides

In 2016, the province amended the Integrated Pest Management Regulation. The changes follow extensive consultation on the sale and cosmetic use of pesticides, as described below. Changes came into effect July 1, 2016.

The objective of the amendments were to ensure that:

- Pesticides will be used by people with knowledge and training;
- Pesticides will be used as part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) process; and
- Public interaction with pesticide vendors at the point of sale will increase.

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Guidance & Factsheets for changes in Cosmetic Use

Consultation Background

Municipal Bylaws

Municipalities may establish bylaws for pesticide use on residential and municipal lands. These bylaws only apply pesticides used to maintain outdoor trees, shrubs, flowers, other ornamental plants and turf. Municipalities do not have the authority to develop bylaws restricting the application of pesticides in the following situations:

- For the management of pests that transmit human diseases
- On the residential areas of farms
- To buildings or inside buildings
- On land used for agriculture, forestry, transportation, public utilities or pipelines unless the public utility or pipeline is vested in the municipality

These bylaws do not apply to pesticides listed in Schedule 2 of the Integrated Pest Management Regulation. **The recent changes to the Integrated Pest Management Regulation do not override municipal bylaws.** If a municipality has restrictions on the landscape use of pesticides, they must be followed.

To obtain more information:

- Contact your local government
- Check the Municipal Bylaw Table

Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified when new information is available, please [join our e-link](#) mailing list.

If you have any questions regarding the amendments or other requirements under the IPM Act and Regulation, please send an email to:

IPMProgram@gov.bc.ca.

Federal Regulations

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada (PMRA) is responsible for evaluating and registering pesticides used in Canada. The PMRA's mandate is to prevent unacceptable risk to people and the environment from the use of any pesticide. The PMRA conducts extensive reviews to make sure that a product containing pesticides meets the latest health and safety standards and that it works as claimed.

- [Federal Regulation of Pesticides](#)

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