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We are living in the 9/11 Era of Environmental Terror !

*Examples of the
ROLLING-BACK
of Anti-Pesticide
Regulations*

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Prohibition REVERSALS

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PESTICIDE FELONS

Surely you should **NOT** be considered a « *felon* » just for using **FEDERALLY LEGAL, EFFECTIVE** garden products !

Plus, is there now a **RETREAT BY THE MUNICIPALITIES** that once wanted to ban cosmetic pesticides ?



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ROUNDUP EXCHANGE

A good friend is about to move from a home with a reasonably large garden to a condo with only a balcony.

When she sold her house, she asked if I knew anyone who might like all her Roundup / WipeOut that she had in the basement.

I said I knew several people who likely would be happy to have it, and not have to go the U.S.A. to pick some up.

I e-mailed them, and they said yes, they would love to have it, and in subsequent e-mails, an arrangement was made that they would pick it up last Sunday afternoon after they attended a lecture at the Toronto Botanical Garden (they live well out of Toronto).

That all happened, and they apparently ended up taking some other gardening items such as pots etc ..., and my about-to-move friend wrote a note thanking me for setting it up, and included this sentence in her note — « *I would hate to have tried to explain my stash to the politically correct* ».

As I thought about what she wrote, it annoyed me that the current DUMB-THINKING ONTARIO GOVERNMENT (and appropriate SIMILARLY-NON-KNOWING BUREAUCRATS) have caused regular law-abiding citizens to think they are doing something THE EQUIVALENT OF COMMITTING A MAJOR CRIME by simply having Roundup / WipeOut sitting in the basement !



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REVERSAL OF PESTICIDE REGULATIONS

The truth, which is often lost, is that these are LEGAL, EFFECTIVE, EXTENSIVELY-TESTED FEDERAL-GOVERNMENT-LICENSED PRODUCTS that have GOOD TRACK RECORDS for doing what their labels say they will do.

And, they have been used by thousands of gardeners and homeowners for decades with literally NO PROBLEMS !

When this current silly situation is resolved (and I certainly believe the law will be changed down the road when these KNOW-NOTHINGS who have caused this are seen for what they truly are), and gardeners are once again able to use these products, perhaps WE WILL SEE JUST HOW STUPID THE « *banning moves* » WERE AND ARE.

Some examples of the ROLLING-BACK OF PESTICIDE REGULATIONS are already occurring.

REVERSAL IN GUELPH-ERAMOSA

One example appeared recently near Guelph, Ontario, in the Township of Guelph-Eramosa, located in Wellington County.

The Township partly encircles the City of Guelph.

After an impassioned plea from local farmers and weed experts, Guelph-Eramosa Council has agreed to RE-INSTATE ROADSIDE HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS in rural areas of the township.



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Weeds on township roadsides are spreading to adjacent farmland, triggering higher costs for farmers, whether it be increased herbicide applications or increased tillage.

The township had suspended its roadside weed spraying programme a few years ago.

The situation is **VERY SERIOUS**, especially with a weed called European Buckthorn, *Rhamnus cathartica*.

European Buckthorn has a competitive advantage compared to native trees and shrubs because it leafs out before most plants in the spring.

Weed experts are stressing that they are not talking about cosmetic use of herbicides, but specifically targeting noxious weeds.

If the township addresses weeds on its property along rural roads, less herbicide will be used overall.

Nonetheless, many of the pest control products used in roadside weed control spraying are the very same ones used in the modern professional lawn care industry.

One expert told Guelph-Eramosa Council that some manufacturers are not even required to put warnings on the product labels, because the **TOXICITY LEVELS ARE SO LOW**.

The herbicides in question are now **EVEN SAFER THAN ROAD SALT**.

The program will be started in Spring 2011.



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REVERSAL IN SALMON ARM

A further example of these ridiculous by-laws being **RESCINDED** recently occurred here in British Columbia — specifically in the City of Salmon Arm.

The professional lawn care companies in the city can now conduct business in an unobstructed manner.

On February 23rd, 2009, Salmon Arm's elected officials had legislated a needless, senseless, and malicious prohibition by-law against pest control products used in the urban landscape.

Two years later, on February 28th, 2011, at a meeting of the City Council, readings of amendments to the by-law included a number of **NEW AND HYPOCRITICAL EXCEPTIONS**.

Among these, elected officials gave city staff an **EXCEPTION STATUS**, and the go-ahead to **USE PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS TO TREAT INFESTATIONS ON MUNICIPAL INFRA-STRUCTURE**.

These infra-structures included hard-scapes such as sidewalks, roads and boulevards.

Originally, when elected officials performed the first, second, and third readings of the new amendments, professional lawn care companies were **NOT** considered.

During the City Council meeting, owners of local professional lawn care companies **CRIED UNFAIR**.



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Dean Edwards, of Salmon Arm Property Maintenance, stood up during the Council meeting, and asked specifically if the elected officials were allowing themselves to use pest control products, and not letting « *Certified Applicators* » use the SAME products for the residents of Salmon Arm.

The Mayor addressed the question first, and then asked city staff for clarification that he was correct in his answer, and was advised that « yes » he was.

The city could use the products once all alternatives had been tried on City infrastructure if there was an infestation.

Dean Edwards then commented that this was « *typical* ».

During the City Council's final reading, Dean Edwards stood up at the end of the meeting, and interjected again.

« *What about Certified Applicators ?* »

The Mayor asked for clarification from city staff, who then advised that Edward's question would have to be referred to the head of the City's parks department.

The owners of local professional lawn care companies were then taken aside, and told that they would have a meeting with city staff who would clarify the by-law.

The following week, and prior to the final reading of the amendments to the by-law, it was finally decided to provide « *Certified Applicators* » with an EXEMPTION STATUS.



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On March 2nd, 2011, during the meeting with city staff, the owners received an updated copy of the by-law, which now included an exemption status for « *Certified Applicators* ».

Henceforth, the professional lawn care companies in the City of Salmon Arm could conduct business in an un-obstructed manner.

And so it goes !

REVERSAL IN TORONTO

There are other examples of **REVERSING THE TREND** of banning cosmetic lawn chemicals.

In the most recent Toronto civic elections, a **LARGE PERCENTAGE** of candidates who had previously voted **IN FAVOUR** of the City's own pesticide by-law, along with some who agreed with it who were running for the first time, were **DEFEATED**.

On the other hand ...

... many who spoke out **AGAINST** the by-law (including the new Mayor) were elected to office.

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Drysdale is one of Canada's best-known horticulturists. For the past four decades he has been writing, and presenting radio and television broadcasts, with practical garden hints on stations such as CFRB, AM740 and CFCA. He also presented all of Canada's Weather Network gardening vignettes, hourly from April to October annually for a decade; as well as being the spokesman for The Garden Claw across the country. A life-long resident of Toronto and a horticulturist well-known all across Canada, Drysdale is now a resident of Parksville, British Columbia on Vancouver Island, just north of Nanaimo. He has renovated an old home and has a new garden there. His radio gardening vignettes are heard in south-western Ontario over two radio stations : Easy 101 FM out of Tillsonburg at 2 PM weekdays, and CD98.9 FM out of Norfolk County at 11:40 AM weekdays.

As a speaker, Drysdale has addressed amateur and professional groups all across Canada, as well as in the U.S., England, Holland, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa, and aboard cruise ships. Drysdale graduated from East York Collegiate in 1957, with the Ontario Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma. He was active and held several executive positions in the East York Garden Club, 1955-69. He attended The Niagara Parks Commission School of Gardening (now NPC Botanical Garden and School of Horticulture), 1958-61, where he won all five awards presented at the graduation. He initiated/edited the school's first yearbook.

From graduation in March 1961 until August 1962, Drysdale worked with the Shur-Gain Division of Canada Packers where he developed new consumer fertilizer products (Feed 'n Weedaway, for example), wrote various consumer literature, and consulted with consumers and the turf industry. He was then employed with Sheridan Nurseries Limited, 1962-69, Drysdale was Chief Horticulturist and Advertising Manager, with full responsibility for their catalogues and botanical nomenclature. In December 1963, Drysdale began writing a feature column for a new magazine, Canadian Nurseryman, and continued to do so until March 1969. He was also a member of the founding committee. In 1964, he was appointed part-time Executive Director and Editor with the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association (CP/RA), with the office in his home. In 1969-70, he was employed full-time as CP/RA Executive Director, and Editor of Recreation Canada. He set up CP/RA's first permanent office in Ottawa in early 1971. From 1971-1978, he free-lanced as a horticultural writer and published/edited Recreation Canada. In 1973, he was appointed Regional Director (Canada) of the Garden Writers Association of America (GWAA). During 1979-81 period he served as President of the Garden Writers Association, the first-ever Canadian to hold the office representing over 1,000 members, mostly in the U.S.A. In March 1975, Dent Canada published his book Gardening Off The Ground that he wrote on the invitation of the publisher. It was the first Canadian book for balcony gardeners. In July 1996, he self-published a completely revised and enlarged version, including his own colour photos.

A black and white portrait of a woman with dark, wavy hair styled in a vintage fashion. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. She is holding a large, light-colored, multi-petaled flower (possibly a camellia) near her face. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, garment. The background is dark and out of focus.

Bans SUCK !