

Calling for a Bylaw

The Coalition for a Healthy Calgary is asking Calgary City Council to pass a bylaw in 2008 that will phase out the use of unnecessary pesticides on private and public lands in Calgary.

Calgary! Let's Keep Up with the Rest of Canada

Over 125 Canadian municipalities, and the Province of Quebec have passed laws phasing out the use of unnecessary pesticides. **Calgary is now the largest municipality in Canada without that protection for its citizens.**

Federal Regulations Don't Work

The Auditor General's Office has criticized federal regulating processes for pesticides as inadequate. The Federal Minister of Health and the Supreme Court recommended municipal bylaws as a complement to federal regulation of pesticides. Federal regulatory agencies have not adequately protected us from pesticides.

Definition of Unnecessary

Pesticide: chemicals used to kill plants (herbicides), insects (pesticides), rodents, and plant diseases (fungicides). Exceptions – for agriculture, or for health reasons or invasive species where no effective alternative exists.

Natural Landscaping Practices Work Well

Natural landscaping practices such as spreading compost over your lawn and beds; mowing high; planting shrubs, perennials and hardy grasses cost less in the long run. See our web-site for information on how to use these.

“There is growing evidence of health risk from the variety of chemicals in our environment. Why would we risk cancer and birth defects to eliminate dandelions?”

Dr. David Swann, MLA



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