

## MEMBER COMMUNICATION

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### Pesticides Ban

**Issue:**

Pesticides ban takes effect April 22, 2009.

**Background:**

The ban prohibits the sale and use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on lawns, gardens, parks and school yards, and includes many herbicides, fungicides and insecticides. Over 250 products will be banned for sale and more than 80 pesticide ingredients will be banned for cosmetic uses.

There are exceptions for public health or safety reasons such as fighting West Nile Virus, killing stinging insects like wasps, or controlling poison ivy and other plants poisonous to the touch. Agriculture and forestry are also exempted.

The ban takes the place of existing municipal pesticide bylaws; it establishes one set of rules across the province. The regulation can be viewed at:

[http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/source/regs/english/2009/elaws\\_src\\_regs\\_r09063\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/source/regs/english/2009/elaws_src_regs_r09063_e.htm)

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