

## ***What's okay to use on my lawn and garden?***

Many exemptions and a variety of products are available under this bylaw.

### **Examples include:**

- Certain Horticulture Oils
- Soaps
- Acetic Acid (Vinegar)
- Diatomaceous Earth
- Corn Gluten Meal
- Nematodes

## ***What's not okay?***

Common prohibited ingredients include:

- 2,4-D
- Mecoprop
- Dicamba
- Benomyl
- Bendiocarb
- Chlorothalonil
- Glyphosate
- Carbaryl
- Quintozene



## ***How can I get more information?***

To view the pesticide use control bylaw, a full list of pesticide alternatives and a list of permitted pesticides visit:

**[www.terrace.ca](http://www.terrace.ca)**

Workshops demonstrating sustainable gardening practices including natural lawn care and pest control are being developed for 2011. Please check our website frequently for announcements and dates.

**Thank you for helping to create a healthier community for all that live here!**



## ***City of Terrace***

# **Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw**

*The City of Terrace has passed a bylaw to regulate the use of pesticides for non-essential purposes within our municipality.*

*The use of chemical herbicides, insecticides and fungicides is now prohibited on all public (municipal) and private (residential) property within the City of Terrace.*

*This bylaw takes effect upon adoption (April 11th, 2011) and will be enforced by means of ticketing one year following adoption.*

*Our phased approach to implementing this bylaw will provide time to learn about alternative products and to properly dispose of these chemical pesticides.*





### **What is a Pest?**

“Pest” means an injurious, noxious or troublesome living organism. It does not include a virus, bacteria, fungus or internal parasite that exists on or in humans or animals.

### **What is a pesticide?**

Pesticides are substances that are used to eliminate or control unwanted pests such as weeds, fungi, insects and other pests.

### **What is meant by “cosmetic”?**

Cosmetic means for appearance or aesthetic purposes. This bylaw does not include the use of pesticides for agricultural or commercial purposes or to manage pests that transmit human diseases.

### **Where can I dispose of banned pesticides?**

Pesticides are hazardous substances and must be properly disposed of. Lakelse Holdings in Thornhill is our local depot. Call 250-638-6230 for details.

### **Tips for a Healthy, Natural Lawn**

- **Start with the right soil** - soil should have a balanced or neutral pH (6.0 – 7.0)
- **Aerate and dethatch if needed** - soil can become compacted, restricting oxygen, nutrients and water access to roots. If a screwdriver doesn't go into your lawn easily, you need to aerate. A pesticide-free lawn will have little or no thatch
- **Overseed if desired** - a dense lawn is a healthy lawn. After adding your compost layer, dethatching, liming and aerating, sowing new seed will make your lawn denser and help prevent weeds from getting established
- **Mow high and regularly** - mow when the grass is dry to a height of 6 – 8 cm (2.5 – 3”) and be sure the blades are sharp
- **Leave clippings on the lawn** - leaving grass clippings on the lawn can provide up to 1/3 of the nitrogen the lawn needs and also reduce the need for fertilizer
- **Water thoroughly but not too often** - about 2.5 cm (1”) once or twice a week early in the morning or evening is all you need. More frequent watering can starve the soil of oxygen and result in shallow roots
- **Pull those weeds** - a healthy lawn is very resistant to weeds, but if a few happen to get established, just dig them out by hand or with a small tool before they go to seed.

***Be sure to follow The City of Terrace lawn sprinkling regulations when in place.***

