



Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 1988

A Bylaw to regulate the non-essential use of Pesticides as a means of improving or maintaining the appearance of lawns, gardens, hard landscapes and vegetated lands within the City of Revelstoke.

An increasing number of municipalities across Canada are now enacting bylaws limiting the use of pesticides. The City of Revelstoke believes that moving toward a safer and more environmentally sensitive approach to pest management is the right way to protect our citizens and our environment from any possible hazards from pesticide use.



How to safely dispose of pesticides and containers

Currently the only option to dispose of Pesticides in Revelstoke is at the CSRD hazardous waste fair. For information on the date of the next fair call the CSRD at 250 832-8194.

Please carefully store pesticides until then.

DO NOT flush pesticides down your toilet, sink or storm drains.

DO NOT put pesticides in the garbage.

These chemicals will harm septic systems and eventually leach out of the landfill and contaminate the natural environment.

Does the bylaw prohibit the sale of pesticides in Revelstoke?

A municipality can only prohibit the use of pesticides on privately owned residential land and city owned land. The sale of pesticides is under control of the provincial government. The provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia, Quebec, New Brunswick, PEI and Nova Scotia have chosen to place restrictions on the sale of pesticides.



What are the consequences of not abiding to the bylaw?

Contravention of this Bylaw will result in a fine of \$100.00 for each offence and in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty for each day during which the offence continues as provided by the Offence Act.

Other Resources

Health Canada – *Healthy Lawns*, available at www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/alt_formats/pdf/pest/part/protect-proteger/use-utiliser/lawn-pelouse/lawns-pelouse-eng.pdf

Organic Lawn Care Manual, A Natural, Low-maintenance System for a Beautiful, Safe Lawn, by Paul Tukey

Natural landscaping, information at <https://www.crd.bc.ca/education/at-home/natural-gardening>

Okanagan Xeriscape Association, information at www.okanaganxeriscape.org/

Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Natural ways to manage pests in home gardens, at <https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/natural-ways-manage-pests-home-gardens>

Environmentally friendly Pesticides, a pamphlet available at Public Works, City Hall or on the City website at <http://www.revelstoke.ca>

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The Facts



What is a pesticide?

A pesticide is a general term for any substance designed to eliminate undesired insects, weeds, rodents, fungi, bacteria and other organisms.

Pesticides come in many forms and can be categorized as insecticides (for insects), herbicides (for weeds), and fungicides (for fungal diseases).



Who does the bylaw apply to?

The City of Revelstoke has prohibited the use of pesticides for the purpose of maintaining the appearance of lawns, gardens, hard landscapes and vegetated lands on **land owned by the City and on privately owned residential property**. The City does not have the authority to regulate pesticide use on privately owned land used for commercial or industrial purposes. The City of Revelstoke stopped using pesticides on all parks and playing fields in June of 2009.

Which pesticides CAN be used under the bylaw?

The active ingredient in a pesticide is listed on its container. Active ingredients that are allowed under this bylaw include ingredients such as soaps, silicon dioxide, fatty acid, corn gluten and acetic acid. For a complete list of allowed active ingredients refer to Scheduled “A” of the pesticide bylaw, which can be found at www.revelstoke.ca. A copy of *Environmentally Friendly Pesticide Alternatives* which contain allowable active ingredients can be picked up at City Hall, at Public Works or by visiting the City website.

Which pesticides CANNOT be used under the bylaw?

Pesticides that are not on the list of allowed active ingredients are prohibited under this bylaw. The more common prohibited pesticides include:

- 2,4,D (examples include Weed n’ Feed, Killex, dandelion bar)
- Glyphosate (such as Round Up)
- Mecoprop (in some weed control fertilizers)
- Dicamba (such as Killex)

Are there exemptions to the bylaw?

The bylaw exempts pesticides used to; control or destroy a health hazard, for purification of water, for use in swimming pools, inside buildings or to control ants, termites and wasps.

Five Easy Steps to a Healthy Lawn

1. Mow on a high setting
2. Leave grass clippings on the lawn (mulching)
3. Water deeply—only 1” (2.5 cm) per week
4. Aerate and de-thatch as needed
5. Overseed thin areas



Consider natural landscaping and xeriscaping techniques

Landscaping using native plants and drought tolerant plant species requires less maintenance and less water. For more information see the Other Resources section on the back of this brochure.

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