

SAANICH'S PESTICIDE BYLAW

The Pesticide Bylaw was adopted by Saanich Council in 2010 and amended in 2020. This means that residential pesticide use is generally no longer permitted on lawns and gardens. Pesticide permits may be issued under special circumstances. The District of Saanich supports the “precautionary principle” regarding pesticides; being pro-active in reducing the possible threats to human health and the natural environment.

This brochure is only a summary of the Pesticide Bylaw. To view a copy of the bylaw in its entirety and learn about permits, pesticide alternatives, and more, visit WWW.SAANICH.CA/PESTICIDE.

THE PESTICIDE BYLAW APPLIES TO:

- lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, and other ornamental plants.
- single family homes, duplexes, townhouses, apartment buildings, and condominiums.

THE PESTICIDE BYLAW DOES NOT APPLY TO:

- the management of pests that transmit human diseases.
- agriculture (including residential areas of farms) or forestry.
- the inside of buildings.
- commercial, institutional, or industrial properties.

WHICH PESTICIDES CAN I USE WITHOUT A PERMIT?

- The full list of low-risk pesticides (Schedule “A” of the Pesticide Bylaw) is available on the District’s website. If it is not on this list, a permit is required. More options for low-risk pesticides are now available.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PERMIT?

A person may apply for a permit for the use of pesticides that are not on the permitted list:

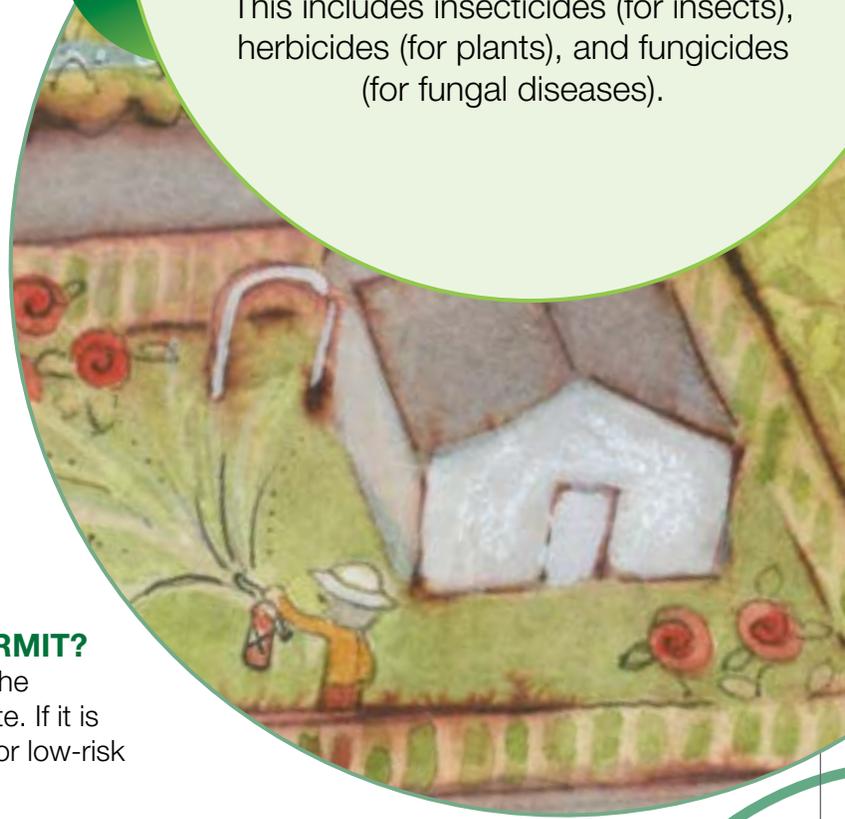
- to protect a sensitive ecosystem; reduce serious economic loss; or to control a noxious weed or an invasive species;
- when following the principles of Integrated Pest Management; and
- if the person applying the pesticides is a certified pesticide applicator.

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WHAT ARE PESTICIDES?

“Pesticide” is a general term for any substance designed to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate unwanted organisms.

This includes insecticides (for insects), herbicides (for plants), and fungicides (for fungal diseases).



HOW IS THE BYLAW ENFORCED?

The use of pesticide products (unless listed in Schedule "A" of the bylaw) is not permitted on residential lawns and gardens. The first approach to bylaw infractions is educational. A second offence results in a warning ticket, and subsequent infractions will result in a fine. A person who commits an offence is liable to a minimum fine of \$250 and a maximum fine not exceeding \$10,000.

REPORTING AN OFFENCE:

If you are concerned about the possible application of a pesticide in a residential area, contact the District of Saanich Bylaw Office at 250-475-5456.

HOW CAN I AVOID USING PESTICIDES?

Be sure you have properly identified the pest and why the pest has become a problem. Think about:

- drainage (over watering, under watering, pooling)
- soil composition and nutrients
- proper lawn care (aerate, de-thatch, mow high, leave clippings on lawn)
- air circulation, spacing, pruning, thinning
- using a variety of plants, located in the right place
- using native plants, and try attracting more natural insect predators like birds and bats
(WWW.SAANICH.CA/NATURESCAPE)
- pulling weeds, installing weed barriers, clipping off flowers and seeds, applying mulch, landscape fabric (WWW.SAANICH.CA/INVASIVES)
- for rodents, first try to remove what is attracting them to your property, but if they persist, they can be controlled safely and humanely using spring traps carefully placed to ensure that wildlife, pets, and people are not inadvertently snapped. To learn more about alternatives, visit (WWW.SAANICH.CA/PESTICIDE)

SAFE DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDES AND CONTAINERS:



ALWAYS

Transport pesticides in their original containers, with lids securely fastened and unmixed with any other product. There is no charge for dropping off pesticides at the depots listed in the column to the right (Alpine Recycling, Ellice Recycling, Hartland Landfill).



NEVER

Never flush pesticides down your toilet, sink, or storm drains. Do not put pesticides into the garbage, or bury them. These chemicals will harm septic systems, eventually leach out of the landfill, or your backyard, and contaminate the natural environment.

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NOT Permitted	Permitted (a sample of Schedule "A" Permitted Pesticides)	WEEDS	MOSS	INSECTS	DISEASE/FUNGUS	SLUGS
Glyphosate <i>(as found in products such as Roundup, Sidekick, and many others)</i>	Iron-based weed killers					
Triclopyr <i>(as found in Garlon)</i>	Corn gluten meal					
Sethoxydim <i>(as found in POAST Ultra)</i>	Acetic acid products					
2,4-D <i>(such as Weed n' Feed, Killax, etc.)</i> Mecoprop Dicamba	Fatty acids					
Sodium Pentachlorophenate Copper Sulfate	Ferrous sulphate					
	Soaps—for moss					
	Zinc strips					
Ammonium Sulfate Carbaryl <i>(such as Sevin)</i> Malathion Diazinon Rotenone	Soaps—for insects					
	Pyrethrins					
	Resmethrin					
	Boric or Boracic Acid (Borax)					
	Btk, Bti, Spinosad					
	Horticultural/dormant oil					
	Lime Sulphur					
	Sulphur					
Metaldehyde	Diatomaceous earth					
	Copper (oxychloride and tribasic only)					
	Ferric phosphate					

* This list is not intended to endorse any specific product or its effectiveness in controlling particular pests. Always follow the label's instructions. For a more complete list of available products visit a retailer.

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ELLICE RECYCLING

524 David St • 250-386-4342
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