

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



HOW CAN I MAINTAIN A BEAUTIFUL LAWN NOW THAT THE COSMETIC PESTICIDE BYLAW HAS BEEN ENACTED?

There are many jurisdictions where people have healthy and aesthetically pleasing lawns by performing regular preventative maintenance on the lawn. Professional lawn care companies also still have access to lower toxicity, organic Non-Domestic Pesticides under the bylaw to deal with pests and weeds. See our [healthy lawn tips](#) for more information on how to maintain a healthy lawn.

DO I NEED PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN TO HIRE AN EXTERMINATOR FOR A PEST INFESTATION IN MY HOUSE?

No – the bylaw is for the control of landscape pests only and does not apply to pesticides that are applied on or inside of buildings.

DO I NEED PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN TO APPLY PESTICIDES THAT I BOUGHT IN THE STORE?

No – the Bylaw applies to Non-Domestic Pesticides only and residents are free to use any pesticide that is available for sale in Island stores.

I HAVE AN INSECT OR WEED INFESTATION, WHAT CAN I DO?

You can work towards creating a more healthy lawn in accordance with the [healthy lawn tips](#) and/or you can engage a lawn care company to use the lower toxicity, organic pesticides that are allowed in the bylaw.

EXCEPTIONS

I HAVE A SEVERE INSECT INFESTATION, WHAT CAN I DO?

You and/or an Applicator can apply for an insect infestation exemption by completing an [Exception Clause Application](#) and demonstrate that the infestation exceeds the minimum threshold for an infestation in accordance with Appendix B of the Bylaw.

DO LAWN CARE COMPANIES HAVE TO NOTIFY ADJACENT PROPERTIES WHEN THEY SPRAY NON-DOMESTIC PESTICIDES?

For the most part, the pesticides in the allowed list are also pesticides that are on the Province's exempt list which means they do not require notification. If an insect infestation permit is issued, then Applicators must notify adjacent property owners in accordance with provincial requirements.

ENFORCEMENT

HOW IS THE COSMETIC PESTICIDE BYLAW ENFORCED?

Similar to other bylaws, the Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw will be enforced through education and by responding to complaints. *Please call 902-569-1995 to report any issues. the Bylaw.*

WHAT DO I DO IF I SEE SOMEONE SPRAYING THEIR LAWN AND HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT IS BEING SPRAYED?

We would suggest that you first ask the homeowner or lawn care company and, if you are not satisfied with the answer you receive, contact the town at 902-569-1995 or info@townofstratford.ca and we will investigate further.

WHAT IF A LAWN CARE COMPANY HAS AN EXCEPTION PERMIT BUT SPRAYED IN HIGH WINDS OR DID NOT NOTIFY NEIGHBOURS THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SPRAY?

The lawn care companies must still follow provincial regulations when an exemption has been granted. *If you believe they are not following the provincial regulations, please call the provincial Pesticide Regulatory Line at 1 800 454-3231.*

CAN I STILL HIRE A LAWN CARE COMPANY TO LOOK AFTER MY LAWN?

Yes – lawn care companies will continue to provide service in Stratford and will be able to continue to maintain beautiful lawns within the requirements of the bylaw as they have in hundreds of other jurisdictions who have some form of ban or restriction on cosmetic pesticides.