

Regulations Banning the Use of Pesticides for Cosmetic or Non-Essential Use

Ontario is developing new regulations banning Pesticides for Cosmetic or Non-Essential use on lawns and gardens. The draft regulations were posted on the EBR website November 7, 2008 with a 45 day comment period. (December 22nd 2008) Follow the link below to get complete background and to be directed to the publication where you can register your comments. Additionally the Ministry of the Environment is holding three public consultation meetings – Nov 14, 21 & 25 in Toronto.

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/news/index.php>

Essentially, the new regulations have created several schedules of classifications for Federally registered pesticides in Ontario that specifically distinguish products that will be either banned from sale or use within the province or restricted in their sale and use. The regulations do not identify nor are too clear on what criteria is being followed in classifying products other than if the product label indicates that it is to be used on lawns or gardens it will be affected. Companies that own and/or distribute Registered Pesticide products in the Province of Ontario, will need to check the product listings in the proposed regulations to determine if their product(s) will be banned or restricted. Any concerns or questions you may have about the regulations should be immediately brought to the attention of the Ministry of Environment, including any apparent errors or inconsistencies.

The province has targeted Spring 2009 for implementation of the new regulations.