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Pesticides (home lawns and gardens)

What herbicides, fungicides and insecticides can be sold and used for cosmetic purposes on lawns and gardens – including how to properly dispose of pesticides and report the illegal use of banned products.

Banned pesticides (cosmetic use)

By law, you can't use certain pesticides called Class 9 pesticides to kill weeds and insects on:

- lawns
- vegetable and ornamental gardens
- patios
- driveways
- parks
- schoolyards

Class 9 pesticides

Class 9 pesticide ingredients include:

- 2,4-D
- Diazinon
- glyphosate

Class 9 pesticides are banned for cosmetic purposes because they may pose an unnecessary risk to human health, particularly children's health.

[Full list of Class 9 pesticides \(http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-9-pesticides\)](http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-9-pesticides)

Source law

- [Pesticides Act \(http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90p11_e.htm\)](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90p11_e.htm)
- [Ontario Regulation 63/09 as amended \(http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_090063_e.htm\)](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_090063_e.htm)

Permitted pesticides

You can only use certain pesticides at home and in the garden.

Class 11

You can only use Class 11 pesticides (biopesticides and certain lower-risk pesticides) to manage pests in lawns and gardens.

Some common household examples of Class 11 pesticides include:

- Borax
- corn gluten meal
- soap
- sulphur

[Full list of Class 11 pesticides \(http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-11-pesticides\)](http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-11-pesticides)

Class 5, 6, or 7

You can also use Class 5, 6, or 7 domestic pesticides to protect health or safety from pests such as:

- wasps or mosquitoes
- plants that are poisonous to humans by touch, such as poison ivy and giant hogweed
- fleas or ticks that bite pets
- indoor pests, rodents, or pests that can cause structural damage to the home
- rodents that may spread diseases

You can use Class 5 or 6 pesticides in lawns and gardens, if they contain Class 11 pesticides.

[Full list of Class 5 pesticides \(http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-5-pesticides\)](http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-5-pesticides)

[Full list of Class 6 pesticides \(http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-6-pesticides\)](http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-6-pesticides)

[Full list of Class 7 pesticides \(http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-7-pesticides\)](http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-7-pesticides)

Controlled sale pesticides

The sale of some pesticides called Class 7 pesticides — is controlled by law.

This means they are not readily available on store shelves and typically have to be specially requested.

To buy Class 7 pesticides, you have to:

- speak to a store manager for service (pesticides can be locked)
- read the information sheet given by the seller and follow the allowed use

Restricted Class 7 products

Restricted Class 7 products (e.g. bear repellents) are also controlled sale products.

To buy Restricted Class 7 products, you must be 18 years of age or older.

A licenced seller will also keep a record of sale that includes your:

- name and address
- amount

- signature

Pesticides disposal

You should:

- never dispose pesticides in the garbage
- never pour pesticides down the drain or sewer
- use newspaper to wrap empty containers of Class 5, 6, or 7 products

Stewardship Ontario runs a program called Make the Drop where you can search for a facility near you that accepts household hazardous waste containers and items (e.g., batteries, propane tanks).

If you're unsure or have questions about how to properly dispose of a certain pesticide, contact a local Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change office.

[Find a Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change district office](http://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-environment-and-climate-change-regional-and-district-offices)
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Report use of banned pesticides

If you believe someone is using a banned pesticide, contact a Ministry of Environment and Climate Change district office during regular business hours.

After business hours, please contact:

- Pollution Hotline at 1-866-MOE-TIPS ([1-866-663-8477 \(tel:+1-866-663-8477\)](tel:+1-866-663-8477))
- Spills Action Centre at [1-800-268-6060 \(tel:+1-800-268-6060\)](tel:+1-800-268-6060)

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