

[Pesticide Free BC](#)

BC's Bylaws and Education Info

The bylaws and education programs of BC's 40 pesticide bylaw communities are listed below.

Port Moody passed the first bylaw in December 2003, with the City of Langley the latest in July 2012.

Eight communities considering a pesticide bylaw are not included: Abbotsford, Ashcroft, Campbell River, Castlegar, Lantzville, Osoyoos, Ucluelet and Williams Lake.

Almost two thirds of BCers (65%) live in a community with a cosmetic pesticide bylaw.

The " * " identifies "not recommended" bylaws in 21 communities due to continued pesticide use by exemption or permit, including IPM practices. Just over a third of BCers (34%) live in these communities:

Burnaby, Cumberland, Fernie, Gibsons, Golden, Kamloops, Kelowna, Langley (City), Maple Ridge, Nelson, New Westminster, North Vancouver (City), North Vancouver (District), Oak Bay, Port Moody, Saanich, Salmon Arm, Sechelt, Surrey, Victoria and West Vancouver (District).

A third of BCers (31%) live in 19 "better protection" communities where pesticide use is banned on municipal and residential properties:

Comox, Coquitlam, Courtenay, Delta, Esquimalt, Harrison Hot Springs, Invermere, Kimberley, Nanaimo, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Qualicum Beach, Revelstoke, Richmond, Terrace, Tofino, Vancouver (City), Whistler and White Rock.

In [October 2012](#), Port Alberni rescinded its' [May 2009 "not recommended" bylaw](#) in favour of continued use of staff's pesticide reduction Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan and improved education on safe use and reduction.

To access BC's pesticide bylaws, click on the community name in the chart below. Click on the education program link for info that is available in each community.

Be wary of "plant health" information and programs that encourage IPM as pesticide use is not banned.

Programs that focus on sustainable organic "Pesticide Free" practices are healthier and safer for people, pets and the environment. For Pesticide Free examples, see left sidebar "PF Municipal Programs".

If your community has an approved pesticide bylaw and it's not here, please [email PFBC](#).

For why these bylaws don't really protect BCers, [click here](#).

For why BC needs to ban the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides, and why this won't happen under the BC Liberals , [click here](#).

Community Bylaws (Type/2011 Census Pop)	Date Adopted	For Municipal Property	For Residential Property	Education Program
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Burnaby* (City 223 218)	June 16 2008	April 1 2009	April 1 2009	Let it Grow Naturally
Comox (Town 13 627)	Sept 20 2006	Sept 20 2006	Jan 1 2008	Comox Valley Regional District - Nature Works
Coquitlam (City 126 456)	April 23 2012	April 23 2012	April 23 2012	Pesticides
Courtenay (City 24 099)	Oct 3 2007	Oct 3 2007	Jan 1 2008	Comox Valley Regional District - Nature Works
Cumberland* (Village 3 398)	Nov 6 2006	Nov 6 2006	Nov 6 2006	Comox Valley Regional District - Nature Works
Delta (District Municipality 99 863)	Nov 16 2009	Nov 16 2010	Nov 16 2010	Pesticide Use Control Bylaw
Esquimalt (District Municipality 16 209)	July 14 2008	July 14 2008	July 14 2008	Sustainability & Environment Pesticide Reduction Capital Regional District - Pesticide Use Reduction Education (PURE)
Ferne* (City 4 448)	March 22 2010	Jan 1 2011	Jan 1 2011	Background info. Citizens are referred to PF Columbia Basin website .
Gibsons* (Town 4 437)	April 19 2005	April 19 2005	April 19 2005	Pesticide Free Gardening Tips (scroll down for info)
Golden (Town 3 701)	Oct 5 2010	Oct 5 2010	April 1 2011	No info available
Harrison Hot Springs (Village 1 468)	Sept 13 2010	Sept 13 2010	Sept 13 2010	No info planned
Invermere (District Municipality 2 955)	Feb 24 2009	Feb 24 2009	May 1 2009	Pesticide Free Pesticide Alternatives brochure
Kamloops* (City 85 678)	July 28 2009	July 28 2009	March 15 2010	healthy landscapes, healthy living
Kelowna* (City 117 312)	Mar 31 2008	Exempt	Jan 1 2009	Pesticide Free Read the Label info
Kimberley (City 6 652)	Feb 8 2010	Feb 8 2010	Feb 8 2010	Pesticides
Langley*	July 9	July 9 2012	July 9 2012	Pesticide Bylaw Application . Includes

(City 25 081)	2012			Environmentally Friendly Pesticides brochure
Maple Ridge* (District Municipality 76 052)	Dec 12 2006	Dec 12 2006	Mar 1 2007	What Do Pesticides Really Do in the Garden? Partnered with Campaign for Pesticide Reduction Maple Ridge (CPR! Maple Ridge)
Nanaimo (City 83 810)	April 26 2010	April 4, 2011	April 4, 2011	Go Natural, Go Pesticide Free for Healthy Lawns and Gardens Bylaw 7102 Brochure
Nelson* (City 10 230)	July 23 2007	July 23 2007	July 23 2007	Pesticide Bylaw brochure
New Westminster* (City 65 976)	Mar 23 2009	Mar 1 2010	Mar 1 2010	Smart Gardening & Lawn Care brochure
North Vancouver* (City 48 196)	Nov 2 2009	Jan 1 2010	Jan 1 2010	Pesticide Use Control Bylaw North Shore GardenSmart Program
North Vancouver* District Municipality 84 412)	July 7 2008	Jan 1 2009	Jan 1 2009	"Quick Guide" to Pesticide Bylaw Allowed Pesticides without Permit North Shore GardenSmart Program
Oak Bay* (District Municipality 18 015)	Jan 24 2011	April 1 2011	April 1 2011	Pesticide Regulation Bylaw Pesticide Educational Flyer
Pitt Meadows (City 17 736)	Sept 6 2011	Mar 1, 2012	Mar 1, 2012	No info available
Port Coquitlam (City 56 342)	June 13 2011	June 13 2011	June 13 2011	Pesticide Use and Control Pesticide Alternatives & Natural Solutions
Port Moody* (City 32 975)	Dec 2 2003	Dec 2 2003	Jan 1 2006	Pesticide-free, naturally
Qualicum Beach (Town 8 687)	Nov 1 2010	Nov 1 2010	July 1 2011	Pesticide Use Bylaw Nanaimo Regional District TeamWater Smart Alternatives to Pesticides brochure.
Revelstoke (City 7 139)	Oct 4 2011	Oct 4 2011	Oct 4 2011	Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 1988 brochure Environmentally Friendly Pesticides

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Richmond (City 190 473)	Oct 13 2009	Oct 13 2009	Oct 13 2009	Pesticide Use Control Bylaw Natural Yard and Garden Care
Saanich* (District Municipality 109 752)	Jan 25 2010	May 1 2010	May 1 2010	Pesticide Reduction Capital Regional District - Pesticide Use Reduction Education (PURE)
Salmon Arm* (City 17 464)	Oct 27 2008	March 1 2009	March 1 2010	No info available
Sechelt* (District Municipality 9 291)	Feb 20 2008	Feb 20 2008	Feb 20 2008	Pesticide permit
Surrey* (City 468 251)	May 3 2010	May 4, 2010	May 4, 2010	Avoiding Pesticides: Pesticide Alternatives
Terrace (City 11 486)	April 11 2011	April 11 2011	April 11 2011	Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw Pesticide Bylaw Brochure
Tofino (District Municipality 1 876)	Sept 22 2009	Sept 22 2009	Sept 22 2009	Tofino Pesticide Fact Sheet
Vancouver Amendment (City 603 502)	July 12 2005	Jan 1 2006	Jan 1 2006	Gardening naturally
Victoria* (City 80 017)	Feb 14 2008	Jan 11 2009	Jan 11 2009	Pesticide Reduction Capital Regional District - Pesticide Use Reduction Education (PURE)
West Vancouver* (District Municipality 42 694)	Feb 14 2005	Jan 1 2006	Jan 1 2006	North Shore GardenSmart Program
Whistler (Resort Municipality 9 824)	Feb 18 2008	Feb 18 2008	Dec 31 2008	Pesticide Use Regulations
White Rock (City 19 339)	Oct 5 2009	Oct 5 2009	Oct 5 2009	Environment Scroll down for info.

Sources: Based on September 19, 2013 review of on-line pesticide bylaw information. Population data is from [Statistics Canada's](#) 2011 Census population data released in February 2012.