



LET'S KEEP IT GREEN

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ONTARIO BANS COSMETIC AND NON ESSENTIAL PESTICIDES



Ontario's lawns, gardens, school yards and parks will be a lot healthier beginning Earth Day, April 22, 2009. That's the day the province's cosmetic pesticides ban takes effect.

The McGuinty government believes the use of pesticides to control pesky weeds and insects for purely cosmetic reasons is an unnecessary risk to our families and pets, especially when you can have a healthier lawn and garden without chemicals. We have listened to medical experts – like the Canadian Cancer Society – who have made a convincing case for reducing our exposure to pesticides, particularly children who are generally more susceptible to the potential toxic effects of pesticides. The ban is part of the McGuinty government's commitment to protect families, especially children from pollution and toxic chemicals through tough new environmental laws. The provincial ban overrides municipal pesticide bylaws, protecting all Ontarians. It also establishes one clear set of rules. **If you are a national carrier call our office for up to date information regarding provincial legislation as it differs across the country.**

IN THE NEWS

ARE YOU READY FOR GHS? - In Canada, the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) is the national workplace chemical hazard communication program. Recognizing the benefits of standardized, consistent communication, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) agreed in 1992 to develop "a globally harmonized hazard classification and compatible labelling system," known as GHS. Canada is now moving forward with implementing GHS in Canada. GHS will change the way products are classified, and will standardize supplier labels, material safety data sheet (MSDS) format and content requirements. GHS is expected to improve the protection of workers and the environment, increase chemical safety, boost efficiency, and reduce trade barriers.

Federal government wants regulation of printer pigment, solvents. For the full story visit [CBC](#).

The Dangerous Goods Trainers Association (DGTA) has established its initial board of directors. The seven board members are Joyce Beerbower, Haldis Fearn, Michael Bowen, Gene Sanders, Neil McCulloch, Leif Soderman and Peter Mackay, managing editor of the [Bulletin](#). The Association is currently working on building a library of examination questions to enable it to begin offering certification for specialist dangerous goods trainers from the beginning of 2010.

AIR TRAINING COURSES

TIMMINS

BASIC AIR – APRIL 27, 28, 29

REFRESHER AIR APRIL 30TH

MISSISSAUGA

REFRESHER AIR – APRIL 22ND

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