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To our valued customers:

A couple of years ago we sent out some general information regarding the use of Pesticides - in relation to proposed bylaw changes that could dramatically reduce the use of pesticides within the various local municipalities.

The City of Victoria has now enacted such a bylaw. The effective date of Bylaw Enforcement is January 11, 2009 and comes with penalties for offences of up to \$10,000.00. A copy of Bylaw # 07-094 is available on the City of Victoria's web site. We will also make it available on ours.

While this issue must be viewed in a more global perspective, on a practical, local level, the dynamics of garden maintenance and associated expectations will dramatically change.

The bylaw effectively removes most, if not all, effective chemical interventions to control pests that have been used for the past dozen or so years. It must be stated that "chemical" methods of Integrated Pest Management of the past number of years were a far cry from the heady days of indiscriminate usage of the past.

In any case, the new paradigm will necessitate some changes in the way we do things - especially with weed management in lawns and gardens. It may also necessitate some changes in expectations. To maintain historical levels of garden management there will be a much higher component of mechanical and cultural intervention.

CSL will be publishing information in a series of bulletins to outline these changes - and recommend alternative approaches to management. This information will be made available on our web site www.csll.ca.

Sincerely,

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