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### **Seven Steps to a Healthy Pesticide-Free Lawn**

**OSHAWA** – On April 22, 2008, the Liberal government introduced legislation that could ban the use of pesticides by spring of 2009. The City of Oshawa has been implementing a Pest Management Program at City parks for the past five years, which maintains property without the use of pesticides. The City's program has been a success. Residents can also enjoy a pesticide-free lawn by following these seven steps: mowing, fertilizing, aerating, de-thatching, over-seeding, watering and using the correct grass species.

"Get on board with the City pest program and beat the province by going pesticide free this year," stated Councillor Joe Kolodzie, Chair Community Services Committee.

A healthy, thick lawn is more resistant to insects, weeds and diseases. The Pest Management Program's web page contains detailed information about the seven steps, pests, alternative products, nutrients, soil pH, and much more.

Join the Pesticide-Free Team and maintain your property naturally. For more detailed information, check out the City's web page at [www.oshawa.ca/mun\\_res/pest.asp](http://www.oshawa.ca/mun_res/pest.asp).

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