

Health Canada proposes ban of neonicotinoid pesticide imidacloprid

Health Canada is proposing a ban on almost all uses of a controversial neonicotinoid pesticide called imidacloprid, saying it is seeping into Canadian waterways at levels that can harm insects and the ecosystem.

Neonicotinoid pesticides, the most [widely used class](#) of insecticides in the world ... have been allowed in Canada for agricultural and cosmetic purposes.



Chafer beetle grub, a lawn pest commonly controlled with imidacloprid
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Health Canada released its [draft risk assessment](#) for imidacloprid for public comment. This review doesn't look at bees — that's being done in a separate assessment.

"Based on currently available information, the continued high-volume use of imidacloprid in agricultural areas is not sustainable," the assessment states.

It proposes phasing out all agricultural uses of imidacloprid, and a majority of other uses, over the next three to five years.

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Health Canada is taking [public comments](#) on the proposal ... until Feb. 17, 2017, and will publish a final decision after that input.

In a statement, Health Minister Jane Philpott said the proposal is an example of science-based decision-

making, which the Liberal [government had promised](#).

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