

## Canadian glyphosate opponents take aim at usage by local governments

In the last two weeks, the [Canadian] municipalities of Upper Miramichi, Moncton, and [Petitcodiac have all started to question](#) the practice of spraying glyphosate in their jurisdictions.

The mayor of Moncton has even gone so far to [request a ban on spraying](#) near parts of the city's watershed.

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Many concerned with the herbicide spraying are pleased to see a shift in the dialogue to the political sphere, but some working in industries that use glyphosate believe elected officials are content with spraying glyphosate for forest management.

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Glyphosate is considered necessary by NB Power, which uses it to kill plants underneath transmission lines throughout the province. (via: Shane Fowler/CBC)

Glyphosate products are used for crop management, as well as forestry across Canada, but bans on the material have popped up in recent years.

Three years ago [Manitoba banned some glyphosate products](#). Nova Scotia stopped publicly funded glyphosate use, and Quebec banned herbicide use altogether on Crown land in 2001.

But any bans on glyphosate use have always been based on politics, according to Doug Pitt, a retired research scientist who worked with the Canadian Forest Service and is a champion of spraying.

“Take Quebec, for example. They’ve chosen not to use herbicides on their public lands and that’s a political decision, and there’s no science supporting that decision.”

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