

## NEW PESTICIDE BY-LAW



# In Baie-D'Urfé, we protect health — from the soil up.

On January 13, 2026, the Town of Baie-D'Urfé adopted By-law 1106 governing the outdoor use of pesticides and fertilizers.

This by-law aims to:

- Protect public health
- Preserve water and ecosystems
- Reduce chemical exposure
- Encourage sustainable practices
- Improve biodiversity

This initiative contributes to protecting our environment and the well-being of the community.

**As a result, outdoor pesticide use is not permitted within the Town.**

However, in rare and strictly regulated situations, a temporary permit may be issued when:

- There is a confirmed infestation;
- All preventive and non-chemical methods have been considered;
- The situation poses a risk to public health.



## Hiring a lawn treatment company?

**Yes, but:**

- The company must be registered with the Town
- It must hold required provincial permits
- Proper signage is mandatory

To avoid receiving a notice of infraction, verify with the Town that your company is registered.

**Note:** Companies that do not apply products (e.g., lawn mowing) are not required to be registered.



## Why is the by-law detailed?

Because precision prevents loopholes.

**A clear regulation:**

- Protects residents
- Defines responsibilities
- Ensures fair enforcement
- Prevents circumvention

**A healthy lawn without pesticides**

- Mow higher (7.5–10 cm)
- Leave clippings
- Aerate compacted soil
- Water deeply, less often
- Apply compost

Healthy soil builds resilient plants.



## Prohibited or permitted?

**What is prohibited?**

- Pesticides (herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, etc.)
- Synthetic fertilizers
- Neonicotinoids
- Application near schools and water bodies
- Selective herbicides and iron chelate-based fertilizers

**What is permitted?**

- Compost
- Wood chips
- Soil amendments
- Humic acids
- Targeted wasp nest destruction
- Tree trunk injections for certain invasive species



## In case of infestation

**A temporary permit may be issued when:**

- The problem is confirmed
- Preventive measures were considered
- Non-chemical solutions failed

**The permit:**

- Is valid for 10 business days
- Requires posting 48 hours before
- Must remain in place 72 hours after

Each request is reviewed individually.



## Questions?

**Environment Department**

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**Scan the QR code to consult By-law 1106 and our complete FAQ.**



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