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**In honour of Earth Day James Beddome, Leader of the Green Party of Manitoba, is challenging Premier Doer to make Manitoba the first Western province to ban lawn and garden chemicals.**

**Just weeks ago Ontario followed Quebec to become the second province in the country to do away with the so-called “cosmetic” use of pesticides, long considered a health hazard, especially to children.**

**Beddome says such a ban would do a lot to enhance the image Mr. Doer has been promoting of himself as a “green” leader.**

**He further challenges the Premier to call on Ottawa for an immediate halt to the introduction of any further genetically engineered crops in this country.**

**Beddome says, contrary to industry hype, genetically modified crops require more, not less, pesticides to ensure their success.**

**Meanwhile, there is mounting and credible evidence that these pesticides are harmful, both to human health and the natural environment.**

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**Ontario has just passed a new law which comes into effect on Earth Day, this Wednesday as a matter of fact, to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides in that province.**

**Just visit**

**<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/>**

**and search for**

**“Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act, 2008”**