



The Home Depot Canada Voluntarily Phases Out Pesticides Across Canada and Provides Consumers Over 50 Options in Natural Lawn Care

TORONTO, ON – April 22, 2008 – The Home Depot® today announced that it will voluntarily stop selling traditional pesticides and herbicides in its stores across Canada by the end of 2008 and will increase its selection of environmentally friendly alternatives.

The Home Depot is the first home improvement retailer to stop selling pesticides voluntarily across Canada and will phase out the products long before legislated deadlines. The Home Depot stores in Quebec do not sell pesticides. In addition, there are currently over 55 municipalities in Canada where the residential use, but not sale, of pesticides is banned. As the leader in the Canadian home improvement industry, The Home Depot will not sell any traditional pesticides and currently offers over 50 natural alternatives for its customers.

“Like our customers, we, at The Home Depot, are concerned about the environment,” said Annette Verschuren, president of The Home Depot Canada and Asia. “We are going above and beyond government regulations by working with our suppliers to develop pesticide alternatives that are environmentally friendly and produce excellent results on lawns and gardens.”

Pesticides will be phased out of The Home Depot stores across Canada starting today. By June 2008, The Home Depot anticipates that 62 of its stores nationwide will no longer sell pesticides, with all 166 stores offering additional environmentally preferred replacement products by the end of 2008.

“Our stores will prominently feature green pesticide alternatives, in addition to our current Eco Options products, and our trained associates will continue to provide customers with product information and tips, as well as on-line support,” added Verschuren.

Product categories currently affected by The Home Depot’s voluntary phase-out include herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, slug baits, moss control products and lawn fertilizers with weed control. A total of 60 products will be affected.

As the environmental leader in the home improvement retail sector, The Home Depot Canada has developed a number of environmental initiatives to date. For the past eight years, the company has held its Mow Down Pollution lawnmower trade-in event to help consumers reduce smog emissions when trimming their lawns. The Home Depot Canada also offers more than 1,500 Eco Options products, including all-natural insect repellents, organic plant food and vegetables in biodegradable pots. The wide array of Eco Options also includes compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, programmable thermostats, cellulose insulation, front-load washing machines, and certified wood. The company also offers the only national recycling program for CFL bulbs.

About The Home Depot

Founded in 1978 in Atlanta, Georgia, The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer with 2,257 retail stores, including 166 across Canada. In fiscal 2007, The Home Depot had sales of \$77.3 billion and earnings from continuing operations of \$4.2 billion. The Company employs more than 300,000 people, including more than 30,000 Canadians.

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Note to editors:

An announcement will be made at 11 a.m. today at the Home Depot Leaside store in Toronto at 101 Wicksteed Ave (near Eglinton and Laird) in the Garden Centre, where a demonstration on "How to Garden Without Pesticides" will follow.

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