











STOP SPRAYING NEW BRUNSWICK


Who's Spraying in NB?

-  NB Power (4,000 ha of power rights-of-way in 2016, both private and public land)
-  Forestry companies and private woodlot owners (13-20,000 ha of softwood plantations in an average year, both private and public land)
-  Department of National Defence (unknown extent, Base Gagetown, public land)
-  Combined, we estimate up to 30,000 ha of NB is sprayed annually, an area bigger than greater Moncton!


Why we are against spraying

-  Spraying costs CITIZENS – you and me – MILLIONS of dollars EVERY YEAR. In 2016 at least 2.5 M of our tax dollars will be spent.
-  Substances sprayed on plantations, power lines and the Base are banned in many places including municipal parks and/or are being phased out over health concerns.
-  Chemical pesticides harm wildlife and can damage human DNA, leading eventually to cancer.
-  Sprays kill plant material that, left untouched, sequesters carbon and helps fight climate change.


What is being sprayed?

-  Pesticides to control unwanted vegetation include **glyphosate** and glyphosate-based products under various trade names including Vision, VisionMax and RoundUp. Agent White (Tordon 101) and its derivatives are also used.



How is it done?

-  The spraying is done by helicopter, small plane and/or spray trucks, depending on the location and type of vegetation being treated. NB Power does not spray aerially, but forestry companies and the Military do.

How often do areas get sprayed?




-  It depends. Some areas get sprayed multiple times, although government denies this. Three or four applications have been observed in plantations over a period of years.

How will I know about spraying near me?


-  Companies such as NB Power, J.D. Irving, Acadian Timber and AV Cell are required to advertise the place and date spraying will occur in advance, and to post signs where pesticides are applied. But be warned: there may be a spray operation in your neighbourhood that you're unaware of **until the day the crews arrive.**
-  Look around you. See brown expanses of dead vegetation? If you're near a plantation or power-line, there will be spraying affecting you and your family by virtue of drift. **Rural NB – and its CHILDREN – are particularly vulnerable.**



What's the alternative?

-  Clear-cutting, and the replacement of mixed Acadian forest with softwood plantations drives the spray program on public land. 85-90% of cutting on public land is by clear-cut. Selective cutting is a much more environment/wildlife-friendly method of harvest that doesn't require chemical treatment. We need more selective harvesting in NB and fewer clear-cuts.
-  NB Power has managed in recent decades WITHOUT spraying. Now they say the number of rights-of-way is too much to NOT spray. We say there are more jobs in manual and mechanical cutting and fewer health problems down the line.
-  Quebec banned forest spraying with glyphosate in 2001, replacing it with jobs for thinning crews. NB could do this too. Also in 2001 Nova Scotia taxpayers stopped paying for forest-related spray programs. The rate of spraying has decreased since industry must now pay. NB could – and SHOULD – do the same.

We are forming the Coalition Against Spraying in NB. Get your group to join us!

-  After years trying to persuade the NB Government of our concerns, groups are uniting to form a coalition to stop spraying NB. We already have 9 groups including *Eco-Vie* (Restigouche), *People for the Protection of Forests of NB* (Rogersville), *The Right Not to be Poisoned* (Hoyt), *Council of Canadians* (4 chapters), *Stop Spraying NB* (Provincial), *Miramichi Headwaters Salmon Federation*, working together. If you represent a group, and wish to join in, contact us at info@stopsprayingnb.ca

What can I do as an individual?

- Photograph spray operations and document spray-related symptoms or sickness.
- Call NB Power at 1-800-663-6272 and ask them NOT to spray your land if powerlines go across it.
- Contact *Stop Spraying New Brunswick* at info@stopsprayingnb.ca or our hotline (506) 442-1846 or Twitter @stopsprayingnb.
- Join the *Stop Spraying New Brunswick* movement with over 13,000 other supporters on Facebook.