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**Our pristine lakes are at risk  
of poor water quality  
from overuse  
of cosmetic lawn pesticides**

### Why are Pesticides bad?

1. Most pesticides are toxic and cannot be filtered or treated from public drinking water and private wells.
2. Every year 80 million pounds of pesticides are applied to lawns in the United States.
3. Of 30 commonly used lawn pesticides: 16 are toxic to birds, 24 are toxic to fish and aquatic organisms and 11 are deadly to bees.



**Avoid Chemicals—seek out natural solutions to your lawn care needs**

**Chemicals can be reduced by “spot spraying” problem areas rather than treating your entire lawn in a “broad brush” approach**

*“We have gone organic for the past 2 seasons. We have had great results and no negatives. We also use organic weed control on the infields.”*

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#### For More Information:

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