



## **D O N ' T " P " I N T H E L A K E !**

**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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