

Force of
Nature



A Look At ... Practices used to minimize the use of turf fungicides

The Green Space Industry (which includes the Golf Industry) must provide the public with information supporting the idea that its time-honoured turf management practices, also known as « *cultural practices* », **may suppress**, but **not control** the damaging pests of turfgrasses.

These « *cultural practices* » will **not** effectively and consistently control damaging pests on ESTABLISHED turf. At best, they **may** provide some **limited improvement** towards the efficiency and effectiveness of conventional pest control products. The use of « *cultural practices* » will **never** achieve a total reduction or elimination of conventional pest control products necessary for the management of ESTABLISHED turfgrasses. Besides, these products are FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, and TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE.

The term « *cultural practices* » is often used interchangeably with another term called « *Integrated Pest Management* », or its acronym « *I.P.M.* ». Unfortunately, I.P.M. has been designed to be applicable to the Agriculture Industry, and **not** the Green Space (or Golf) Industry.

Integrated Pest Management is a FAILURE and a WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY for the Green Space Industry. Adopting I.P.M. ACCOMPLISHES VIRTUALLY NOTHING. Unfortunately, I.P.M. DOES NOT EFFECTIVELY AND CONSISTENTLY CONTROL the pests that damage established turf. Furthermore, I.P.M. WILL NOT resolve the public affairs issues concerning the prohibition of pest control products.

The Golf Industry Exception Status

The Golf Industry currently enjoys a PROHIBITION EXCEPTION STATUS in several jurisdictions across Canada. It is ironical that both the Golf Industry and the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry use the **same** ingredients that are needed to control insect and weed pests.

In the Province of Ontario, a requirement for the Golf Industry PROHIBITION EXCEPTION STATUS is the submission of an ANNUAL REPORT that must be prepared by individual golf clubs.

According to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment —

«*Annual Report. Owner/operators will be required to prepare an annual report disclosing the locations and amounts of*

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pesticides used on the golf course. [... The golf course ...] must provide an explanation of how maintaining accreditation by the IPM body minimized the use of the pesticide ingredients on the golf course and how it will minimize the use during the next year. >>

Golf Industry policy

Here are excerpts from a Golf Industry publication regarding Integrated Pest Management, which was published by the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (C.G.S.A.) — [Item 4.2.3, Board of Directors Meeting, February 28th – March 1st, 2007.]

<< The CGSA supports [...] protocols and practices related to integrated pest management [... such as ...] ways to change conditions to prevent or discourage recurrence of the problem. Examples include: utilizing improved (e.g., drought resistant, pest resistant) turfgrass varieties, modifying microclimate conditions, or changing cultural practice management programs. [...] Non-chemical and biological control measures should focus on practices such as the introduction of natural pest enemies (e.g., parasites and predators), utilizing syringing techniques, improving air movement, soil aerification techniques, and mechanical traps. >>

Turf disease management

It IS possible for a turf manager to implement « *cultural practices* » that can SIGNIFICANTLY SUPPRESS pest problems such as fungal diseases. However, « *cultural practices* » are NOT valid methods for CONTROLLING pests. Incidentally, disease organisms are always present despite these practices.

Turfgrass diseases are usually caused by fungi. These organisms are ALMOST ALWAYS present in nature, since they can live in dead plants, decaying organic matter, and the soil. When environmental conditions are favourable for disease development, some diseases can be devastatingly lethal to golf courses, sports fields, and even residential home lawns.

We must defend the industry, whatever the cost may be !

N O R A H H G

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Force Of Nature INSPIRES people to believe that ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM can be STOPPED ! **Norah G** is an acronym for the stable of anonymous producers and writers that contribute to this e-newsletter and have now replaced Mr. Gathercole. They consist of people from the following industries : Distribution, Fertilizer, Golf, Lawn Care, Manufacturing, Municipal, Nursery, and Orchard. Many of these people are leaders in their own industries. Anonymity is essential in view of the constant threat of reprisals at every level except perhaps death. Force Of Nature is the instrument of **National Organization Responding Against Huje** that seek to TERRORIZE, HARM, and THREATEN the Green Space Industry (**NORAHG**). Huje is a term used for **Enviro Maniac Activists** that routinely concoct FEAR MONGERING, FRAUDULENT LIES, MISCONCEPTIONS, COERCION, THREATS, DECEPTIONS, TERROR, and PARANOID CONSPIRACIES that are DESIGNED to SCAM and DECEIVE the public into believing that families are in some NON-EXISTENT danger with conventional pest control products. Huje also SCAM and DECEIVE Government Officials into the NEEDLESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS prohibition of FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE, and ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE conventional pest control products.

Force Of Nature is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his entourage. Mr. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MCGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the Green Space Industry, including GOLF, PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, and has served in public affairs, workplace safety, and environmental compliance. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful and safe execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority. Mr. Gathercole is now retired from Force Of Nature, although his name continues to appear as the founder. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status, that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. His vast knowledge of our long journey with Environmental Issues is UNDENIABLE — hopefully ! For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of Environmental Terror for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Mr. Gathercole's involvement in Environmental Issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with his colleagues, legal action against the Forces of Environmental Evil in the Town of Hudson, Quebec. Mr. Gathercole is the ONLY TRUE RELIABLE WITNESS of the Hudson Affair.

Mr. Gathercole and his entourage have followed the evolution of ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter century. Through Force Of Nature, **Enviro Maniac Activist Huje** are identified on the basis of their statements, activities, affiliations, and whereabouts. Even though each **Enviro Maniac Culpit** is a misguided adversary, each still deserves our respect. The use of the terms **Maniac, Culpit, Terrorist, or Basterd** are not accusations of any legal wrong doing. Force Of Nature is simply holding **Enviro Maniac Activists** accountable for conspiring to change public policies that TERRORIZE, HARM, and THREATEN the Green Space Industry. Their pretentious prohibitionist rants have created LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, inflicting DESPAIR and DESTITUTION for THOUSANDS of hapless victims throughout the Green Space Industry. The DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE of **Maniac Culpit Terrorist Basterd Huje** is viewed as a form of TERROR, HARM, and THREAT against the Green Space Industry.

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