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Study Finds Reduction In The Number Fertilized Acres On US Golf Courses



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The rates at which nutrients are being used and the number of acres being fertilised by golf course superintendents have seen a marked decrease in the US, according to a new study.

The study was conducted by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and funded by the United States Golf Association through the GCSAA's Environmental Institute for Golf.

Comparing totals from 2006 and 2014, the study gathered information and samples from 1,500 golf course superintendents. These were then independently analysed by scientists at PACE Turf and the National Golf Foundation, who made the findings available for peer review before going public.

As well as finding a reduction in fertiliser usage, the study found that golf course superintendents cut back most dramatically on phosphate fertilisers, which are one of the three main nutrients used to manage turf.

A reduction of 53 per cent in phosphate fertiliser use was noted between 2006 to 2014, with a particularly noticeable decline in the Northeast and North Central regions of the US.

Lower amounts of potash and nitrogen are also being used according to the study, with reductions of 42 per cent and 34 per cent respectively. This has resulted in a drop of more than 80,000 tons of nitrogen, phosphate and potash fertiliser use each year.

“This study shows us that the golf industry is doing more with less when it comes to nutrient use on golf courses,” said Wendy Gelernter, co-owner of PACE Turf. “The numbers show that golf course superintendents have reduced nutrient use across the board with positive results. Conservation practices accounted for about 90 per cent of the reduction in nutrient use.”

“Golf course superintendents are committed to their role as environmental stewards,” said Rhett Evans, CEO of GCSAA. “This national study further demonstrates our commitment to monitor resources used and willingness to implement change for the betterment of the environment.”

<http://www.golfcoursearchitecture.net/content/study-finds-reduction-in-the-number-fertilised-acres-on-us-golf-courses>

PESTICIDES USED BY THE GOLF INDUSTRY DO NOT HARM OUR GROUNDWATER !

In fact, **fertilizers** used by the Golf Industry DO NOT enter our lakes and rivers through surface run-off and storm sewers. It is **WRONG** to allege that any prohibition would be helpful environmentally. Anti-fertilizer prohibition will NOT lead to lower concentrations of contaminants in our stream water. This allegation is false, misleading, and contradicts over twenty-five years of research. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-27x> Perhaps those concerned with the welfare of our Golf Industry should prioritize its energies towards **PROTECTING** the its coveted Pesticide Ban Exception Status.

THE END OF THE GOLF EXCEPTION STATUS IN CANADA — For the Golf Industry in Canada, the increasing number of NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, and MUNICIPAL PROHIBITIONS against pest control products further illustrates THE END of its coveted Pesticide Ban Exception Statuses. Since 1991, the Golf Industry throughout North America has enjoyed being excepted from all prohibitions against conventional pest control products used in the urban landscape, thanks to Mr William H Gathercole, who crafted the original Golf Industry Exception Status in the Town of Hudson, Quebec, which has endured to this day for virtually all jurisdictions. Predictably, the Golf Industry is now being jeopardized by prohibitions against fungicides and insecticides. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-9tC>

THE FAILURE OF GOLF TRADE ASSOCIATIONS — With these decisions against the Golf Industry, pest problems will become increasingly unmanageable without conventional pest control products, unless there is a transition to more pest resistant varieties, especially on putting greens. The Golf Industry is now suffering from the spread of the very same type of prohibitions that began destroying the Professional Lawn Care Industry since the 1990s. Anti-pesticide prohibition DESTROYED the Professional Lawn Care Industry. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-43B> The current prohibitions against the Golf Industry were predictable, but, sadly, the warnings were naively ignored by the pompous and idiotic trade associations. For example, since 2009, Golf Industry trade associations have incomprehensibly supported the prohibition against pest control products used in the urban landscape, including Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, Golf Canada, United States Golf Association, and Western Canada Turfgrass Association. The Golf Industry's imminent **BLACK DEATH** was, or will be, **THEIR** fault ! Future

generations will ask the question — WHY DID YOU NOT ACT AGAINST PROHIBITION ?!?!

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