

ADEPT Committee

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Aloha ADEPT Committee,

Please see the following links and resources for organic golf courses. Mahalo for your time.

"Places like Vineyard Golf Club and Laurelwood Golf Course are proof that pesticide-free golf courses can produce comparable beauty and playability to their chemical counterparts."

<https://golf.com/travel/courses/organic-golf-course-pesticide-complications/>

Show golf course managers and superintendents examples of other golf courses that are moving towards safer practices, [like The Vineyard Golf Club](#) (Massachusetts), [Lakewood Golf Course](#) (Oregon), [Applewood Golf Course](#) (Colorado), and [Wawona Golf Course](#) (California).

Beyond Pesticides: <https://www.beyondpesticides.org/resources/lawns-and-landscapes/overview>

A growing body of evidence in [scientific literature](#) shows that pesticide exposure can adversely affect neurological, respiratory, immune, and endocrine systems in humans, even at low levels. [Children are especially sensitive](#) to pesticide exposure because they (1) take up more pesticides (relative to their body weight) than do adults, and (2) have developing organ systems that are more vulnerable to pesticide impacts and less able to detoxify harmful chemicals. Fortunately, there are proven safe, effective, and affordable ways to maintain attractive lawns and playing fields without the use of toxic pesticides. Use the resources below, information on [Hazards and Alternatives](#), and our [Tools for Change](#) page to help get the pesticides out of your community — whether it's at the municipal, park, school, or backyard level.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or needs.

Aloha,
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