

From: Diane Koerner <dianekoerner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 3:18 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Testimony for Organic Weed Control in Maui County Parks

I have many friends on Maui (I live on the Big Island), and most of them don't even go to the beach parks anymore because they can't handle the herbicide exposure. They, like me, have Multiple Chemical Sensitivities, and cannot sit under the shade of a coconut tree that has a ring of dead, brown grass around it from Roundup - not without getting a migraine headache or severe nervous system problems.

Please consider alternatives like Avenger Organic Weed Killer. My community association in Kapoho Beach Lots just voted to switch from Roundup to Avenger, even though it costs a little more. In total, it probably won't, because we're also educating the road workers to spray only where mechanical means such as mowing, weed whacking and side cutting won't do the job. So the amount of spray will be much less than before.

For more info on Avenger (if you don't already have it), please see [Avenger Organic Weed Killer](#)



Avenger Organic Weed Killer

Avenger Organic Weed Killer has been used in a successful trial in the Kapoho Beach Lots community of the Big Island, by the Maui Department of Transportation, a...

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Thank you,
Diane Koerner
Steering Committee Chairperson
Hawaii's Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides
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From: MARIE - TERRY SCHROEDER <terry8845@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 9:37 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Pesticide free parks

Aloha,

Purpose of this email is to show our support for having Pesticide free parks in Maui county. Doesn't make sense to spray the parks with pesticides if the applicator person needs to wear protective clothing and mask to apply it and then allow keiki's and pets to run/play on it.

Mahalo in advance for your support of this topic as well.

Aloha,

Marie & Terry Schroeder

Maui Travel Partners, LLC

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From: Sylvia Whelchel <sylvia@ayurvedamaui.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 8:47 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: I support pesticide free parks and roadway

Please note I support pesticide free parks and roadways in Maui County. Mahalo

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From: Meilani Nelson <lakua1aloha@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 9:30 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: from a future voter

Hi

I'm 12. I can't vote yet but someday I will. I hope you will be worthy of my vote when I turn 18 but until then please show me that you are by stopping pesticide spraying in our public parks.

I attend Horizon's school in Kihei on Maui and if your in the know then you know we are a population of students with "special needs".

We are trying to start an organic garden but the park above our space us sprayed all the time with pesticides. And when it rains it pours - well pours pesticide imposed rain water on our garden site

Please show me you care!

I support our public parks in becoming pesticide free - do you?

Meilani Nelson

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From: Mele Nelson <alohamele71@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 9:24 PM
To: IEM Committee

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I support Maui County parks becoming pesticide free!

Please support our keiki's health and the future of our Ains!

M. Nelson

iem.committee@mauicounty.us

From: Karen Chun <karenchunmaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 9:22 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Please make our parks pesticide free

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To IEM Committe
Re: Pesticide Free parks and roads testimony

Our little park gets sprayed by Dicambra and Roundup. They leave the signs up for an hour or so. Then later that day you see children with bare feet and legs rolling around in the pesticide-laden grass.

When they spray with Roundup, the Shower trees and Poinsienna trees die back. This makes no sense to kill the trees to kill the weeds around them.

The bare dirt of the berms around Makana park (which is a retention basin) is gullied and the dirt washed down onto the walking path because of the vegetation being killed by herbicides.

This is unhealthy for our children, unhealthy for our trees, and unhealthy for the land.

Please stop.

Karen Chun
87 Lae St.
Paia HI 96779

From: Séah Criss <seahcriss@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 9:14 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Pesticide ban on Maui

Dear Maui County Council Members,

I am a resident who relocated to Maui to heal from cancer. It appears that pesticide exposure in my childhood contributed to a later cancer issue for me. I am completely opposed to chemical pesticides and urge Maui County to definitely ban them from all our parks and public places.

I urge you to take an even broader step and ban pesticides from all kinds of use on Maui. Look to the sea turtles and their tumors to find another reason to ban pesticides on Maui. There are so many effective other ways to control weeds - clippers, weed whacking, and yes, even organic herbicides and pesticides are available to make the shift easier and cost effective. PLEASE protect Maui citizens from the potential of cancer that pesticides are known to cause and give our next generations a chance to live healthy lives in the land of Aloha.

Mahalo and much appreciation to you for addressing and voting to ban pesticides on this important issue.

Séah Criss

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From: Chris Martell <chrismartell@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 9:00 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Pesticide Free Maui Parks :)

Mahalo for considering making all Maui public parks pesticide free! :)

What a great message and opportunity for Maui island residents and visitors alike that will enjoy the parks in safer and healthier conditions.

Would be awesome to see some parks turned into edible food forests of tropical magnificence that both locals and visitors would love!

Aloha!

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From: begoniabarry@gmail.com on behalf of Barbara Barry <gardenmeister@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 7:15 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Pesticide Free Parks and Public Areas

Aloha Elle Cochran and the IEM Committee,
I am writing tonight to voice my strong support for the Committee's plan for removing poisonous pesticides from our public parks and roadways. This wholesale application of very poisonous and toxic substances in parks and along roadways is reckless and unnecessary. Whoever thought it was a great idea to apply pesticides to lawns that barefoot kids and their families and pets must be not thinking very well. Pesticides absorb into your skin and kids are known for putting their hands into their mouths. Pesticides can also be transported back into the homes on clothes, shoes and skin. Pets lick themselves and also transport pesticides into the home on their feet. We can and must do better with the public trust. As a professional landscaper, I made the transition to IPM with my clients 15 years ago. This is such a powerful and positive sign to see Maui County moving in the direction of other Cities and Counties throughout the US that are protecting their citizens health by finding non toxic ways to care for their public parks, roadways and public areas. Congratulations on being part of the solution for a safer world and for protecting the 'Aina and our Keiki, Mahalo,
Ms. Barbara Barry
1220 W. Kuiaha Rd.
Ha'iku, HI 96708

From: loveyoga531@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:47 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: pesticide free parks and roadways

Maui County Council Members,

I support pesticide free parks for numerous reasons but my main reason would be so that my family and I can enjoy the county parks. Sadly my family and I stopped going to parks on Maui after my daughter suffered a reaction from Roundup being sprayed at Pukalani Park. My daughter was the tender age of one and still learning to walk with good balance. She was using the tree as support and walking around it with a great big smile. For a split second my mind thought would they have sprayed here but since I saw roots exposed I let the thought slip away. By the time I got to my car with her a rash had begun on her feet, by the time we got home the rash traveled up and her eyes became puffy and red. Nothing had changed in her lifestyle that day no diet changes the only thing we did different was go to a park to play, for the very first time. As soon as I got home I called County Parks and Rec. At first I didn't get many answers, then it was confirmed by Brienne Savage that yes they do spray Roundup around the trees and yes they do spray the whole field with a potent herbicide. That was the last time I ever brought my daughter to a county park. This situation was heartbreaking to my family. Do you know how hard it is to see your own innocent child suffering do to walking around a tree? I still do not understand why the change hasn't happened there are so many other ways to deal with weeds than spraying poison. I know my daughter isn't the only one that has suffered from these nasty chemicals. Let's make the switch so no one else has to go through what my family did. Right now children all over the island are being negatively affected by use of herbicides at our parks. I am a mother, a voter, and I'm part of a large group of parents against poison at the parks, please for the community let's make the easy switch to poison free weed control. Lastly I would like to say that the state of California has ruled that Roundup is a cancer causing chemical.

Thank you,
Jessica Celso

From: dan@kineoceandesigns.com
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 9:59 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: pesticide free maui county parks

Aloha Maui county council members.

Please help make Maui county parks poison free. I want my daughter to be able to play without worrying about what poisons have been used with no posted warnings. When my daughter was one she went to Pukalani park with her mother and played by a tree next to the playground, and started getting a rash all over her body and her eyes puffed up and watered all day. that never happened before and thankfully hasn't since, because we haven't gone to the parks again. We called the county a dozen times and found out eventually that they sprayed round up less then a hundred feet from the playground on exposed tree roots and clover poison on all the field, and didn't post any warnings! Also, on my way to work I will see county workers spraying the parks and roadways with what has to be roundup often without masks. Do they know that roundup causes cancer birth defects and never breaks down only slowly makes its way to the ocean(california proved this). I think if they did county workers would gladly trade poison jugs for weed wackers. Mahalo for your time. do whats pono, and i will remember you next election Aloha, Dan Bethke Haiku resident

From: jeanaG <jeana.goan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 1:27 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Pesticide Free Parks

Hello, it is either pesticide free or cancer causing. Let's make Maui Parks Pesticide Free. Thank you!

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jeanaG.
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jeanaG.com
415 641 9934

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From: Ki <mamakiki@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2016 10:33 AM
To: IEM Committee
Cc: ryan earehart
Subject: Pesticide Free Parks Maui
Attachments: image1.JPG; ATT00001.txt; image2.JPG; ATT00002.txt; image3.JPG; ATT00003.txt

Aloha.

We greatly support pesticide free parks and road ways in Maui. We run an all organic farm upcountry and take our children to county parks weekly. Keeping our precious island clean and pesticide free is a top priority to us. Thanks for your support.

Love,
The Earehart Family



From: Jenny <jennymaliahudson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 4:29 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Pesticide free weed control

Aloha,

I am a born and raised Maui resident and mother to children who have experienced first hand poison being sprayed in parks and public places where my children play and we've had to leave areas because of it. I know I can speak for myself as well as hundreds of other like mind residents and mothers that we are very concerned with the future of our children and truly hope that Maui county can evolve into a natural and clean future and come up with a non poisonous and pesticide free weed management. Thank you very much for your consideration. Take care :) Mahalo, Jenny Hudson

From: Terry Hans <terry@mauibytes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 5:55 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: pesticide-free

Yes please, keep roundup and other toxins away from our people and our kids on this beautiful island. You all have at least some authority to help keep everyone safe. Please do your best!

Mahalo!

Terry Hans

From: Yvonne Wright <yvonnewright@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 4:40 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: weed control

Aloha dear friends,

I support your moving forward immediately to ban the use of toxic chemicals here on our precious aina. Just yesterday I was sickened after going down to the beach in North Kihei. There was a terrible chemical smell. I became dizzy and nauseated and nearly passed out. I searched for the source of the problem. It was coming from the grass at the edge of the beach which was turning brown. After returning home, I spent the rest of the day sick with terrible pain in my liver as my body tried to remove the toxic assault. I am especially vulnerable to herbicides after being nearly killed with dioxin sprayed by the International Paper Company in Oregon. These poisons are fat-soluble and stay in your body forever. They are even passed on from generation to generation. Our babies are being born with huge toxic loads. This is inexcusable. Let's stop it now right here.

Mahalo for your support.

Yvonne Wright

From: kgaree@uifoundry.com on behalf of Kenneth Garee <kenneth@garee.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 5:29 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: no-spray at parks

Please stop spraying pesticides at Maui parks. Buy some goats. Thank you

Ken

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To Infrastructure and
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Just because I have never known this island without pesticides it does not mean I never will. I have grown up going to beaches and parks and I have always cared about our island but if you keep spraying pesticides the island I know and love will be infected and infecting children, pets, adults and also our pollinators and our waters. I highly encourage you to stop spraying pesticides and protect our island.

Sincerely,
Tallulah Rosemary Gnanatous
grade 5

X

☺  Save the earth

Mar. 11. 2016 

Dear Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

I think that these pesticides are very harmful to the earth and it would be very good if you could stop spraying.

These pesticides go in cycles, first you spray the plants, then pollinators like butterflies, bees, and other bugs, they die. Turtles get tumors, dogs roll in the grass that is sprayed and then we pet the dogs and then we get the pesticide spray on us and then we maybe touch our face/mouth, eyes, nose and get it in us.

It would really help the environment if we stop spraying.

Sincerely Bella

Bella Gross-Hellson
7th Grade, Haiku School

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Addressed to the IEMC*

"It is not the people who fear the government,
the government should fear the people"

Multi-billion dollar (USD) companies already have
enough money, and have destroyed enough land, animals,
and plants.

This will continue unless they are stopped.

So we will get to the point, Stop spraying pesticides
fungicides and other chemicals when most of
the people do not want them, the only reason
it continues is corruption, suppression and the
blind, overly rich companies. Don't forget
individuals.

Sincerely, Leo

*Infrastructure and environmental management
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Leo Gross-Hellsen
8th grade, Haiku

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I love to go to the parks on the island and play with my friends, walk my dog, and have birthday parties. But knowing that I'm in a contaminated area full of pesticides it makes me and my friends and family not want to go there.

I miss going to the parks and having fun, not needing to worry about my health and where me and my friends can go and not go.

I hope that pesticides spraying stops and I can be happy.
Thank you for reading

Sincerely,

6th grader Padma Jimenez.

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To the Infrastructure and Environmental
Management Committee,

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I believe that attention needs to be called to the fact that completely unnecessary chemicals are being sprayed on Maui. I don't want my kids and grand-kids growing up in an unhealthy environment. Maui would be a better place if we stopped spraying.

There are many things that we can't do when pesticides are sprayed. Such as walking barefoot or planting things in certain areas. Big time plant companies spray a lot of pesticides that float into the local grower's crops. We would have healthier local food if there were less pesticides.

-Reina Grossman
8th grade, Haiku School

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Dear Infrastructure and Environmental committee,

I would like you to stop spraying please, I've been worried that I might get cancer. I also worry about my baby brother getting sick. I hope you rethink allowing pesticides to be sprayed.

Sincerely,
Saelyn

7th Grade, Haiku School

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Dear infrastructure and Environmental Management
Comittee

Stop

Spraying

Pesticide's

Name: Phoenix Medwedeff
Grade: 5

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Dear, infrastructure and environmental management committee

I think that you should stop spraying pesticide because you are killing bees and butterfly flies and I want my children and grandchildren to see a butterfly flies

best intentions,
Makai John News + ein g lade 4

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Weiguo 6th grade

Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee

good I Sincerely, think that they should stop the pesticide because I like the grass green and the other plants.

bad If they still going to spray pesticide why don't they make a thin suit to protect your body one make a futur barrier to hold out all chemical things that effects us one others you know about the futur movie well were not successing at all were actually moving lower and lower not to make a peace world.

Weiguo gross-hellsen grade 7

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Dear Infrastructure and Environmental Management
committee,

Hello my name is Isabella and
I am twelve years old. I am writing this
letter to protest against the spraying
of pesticides and chemicals on
our plants around Maui!!!

I think this is ridiculous and I can't
even believe it!!! You are putting you, your
families, and the community in danger!
All these pesticides are killing the
plants as well as the good things
that help keep us alive and
healthy! We have to keep Maui
county and the world clean and
healthy from pesticides and chemicals.
Don't you agree!!! WELL DONT
YOU!!! Its time to change!

Sincerely,

Isabella Pandolf.

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From: begoniabarry@gmail.com on behalf of Barbara Barry <gardenmeister@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 1:03 PM
To: IEM Committee
Cc: Elle Cochran
Subject: Airport Round Up Photos and Complaint
Attachments: airport complaint.doc

Aloha Committee Members,

Please include the file below as my testimony.

This is why I support a Pesticide and Toxic Free approach to our County's parks and road weed and grass control,

Mahalo,

Ms. Barbara Barry
1220 W. Kuiaha Rd
Ha'iku, HI 96708

I support Maui County shifting to pesticide free weed and pest management on county owned lands.

Please find below, the complaint that I filed with Lester Chin, Pesticide Enforcement Inspector, in October of 2015, following a pesticide spraying incident near Maui airport.

Mahalo,

Barbary Barry

Mr. Lester Chin,
Enforcement Inspector
Department of Agriculture

10-26-15

Aloha Mr. Chin,

Thank you for your time to speak with me this morning on the phone and meet with me tomorrow at the Maui Airport site where these photos were taken on Friday afternoon (10-24-2015) about 12:15 pm.

I was traveling on Haleakala Highway, approaching the stop sign to take a left turn on the airport bypass road and I noticed them spraying on the side of the road. Those are the 1st 3 photos. I stopped and asked what they were spraying and the man with the sprayer and he said water and I said that wasn't water and then he said it was Roundup. The backpack sprayer says round up too and the liquid was very blue. I asked him why he wasn't wearing protective clothing and that he was jeopardizing his health. I also asked him who he worked for and he said the County.

On the way back about an hour later, I came around the corner and saw the 2 workers spraying right along the road with cars and school buses going by. These are the next 9 photos.

When they saw me taking pictures, they quickly jumped in their truck and drove away. As I sat there recording a video of the wind speed, they returned and approached my car. I asked him if he wanted to say something to me and that I was recording our conversation and he turned and walked away. I continued to sit on the side of the road and another vehicle stopped and a man approached my car with the 1st man. I started recording on my phone and that is the 2nd recording here down in the lower right corner. Karl, the supervisor of the Airport Ground Maintenance, as you can hear, did say they have protective gear for the crew and he will discuss this with them. There were NO signs stating that they were spraying weed killer and no precautions for the workers or the public since it was quite windy that day. Karl said he didn't know about the laws regarding protective clothing, signage, notifying the public that they are spraying and not spraying on a windy day. He had also never heard of the County's plans to look into a non toxic weed control like Avenger.

I have several studies and information for him to help educate him to protect his workers and the 'Aina.

Thank you,
Barbara Barry

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Before a representative of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, personally appeared and says:

Barbara Barry

On Friday (10-24-15) at about 12:15 I was traveling towards Kahului on Haleakala Hwy on the back road. When I stopped at the stop sign to go left towards the airport, I noticed someone spraying herbicide along side the road I stopped, took some photos & asked him what he was spraying. He first said water, then said Round-up. I asked him who he worked for & he said the County. They were not wearing any protective gear & it was windy about an hour later, on the way back to Paia on the same road, I come around the corner & there were 2 men spraying dead vegetation along the road. The spray was blowing across the road & once again, no protective gear was worn & no signs notifying the public that there was weed control going on. There was no attempt to close off the area while the spray dried. While I was there, charting wind speeds (see video), a truck arrived & the man in the truck approached my window as well as the man I first photographed & spoke with. He introduced himself as Karl & said he was

I hereby affirm that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief Don't read on back please

Barbara Barry
Signature

10-27-2015
Date

Attested to at (city and state) Kahului, HI

this 27th day of October 2015

[Signature]
Signature of HDOA Representative

Environmental Health Specialist
Title

cont. from the front side -

The Grounds & Maintenance Supervisor for the Airport. He said that his crew had protective clothing & he wasn't aware of the need for them to have it on but he'd talk to them about it. He also said his job was to keep the road safe & when I said that they were spraying on a very windy day, the other man, who was photographed applying the Round-up said he stopped when cars drove by. I have photographs of them walking, not looking where they were spraying with Round-up coming out of the nozzles of their sprayers.

Karl gave me his number 872-3860 & asked me to call him if I had any concerns. He also said he wouldn't spray if he didn't need to. He had not heard of the State moving away from Round-up, nor did he seem to have read the warning labels on the Round-up bottle. He was professional & I did tell him I was going to file a complaint.

I have recently had my urine tested for glyphosate because as a landscaper, I used it in the past. It had been 15 years since I used it & I have eaten an organic diet for 25 yrs at least.

Thank you,
Barbara Barry
10-27-2015

I do not use glyphosate & if I have on my property, it because I have collected it from my neighbors & wait for the hazardous waste recycling & collection.



Please note high winds and passing school bus, with windows open, in the below photos.





From: Christine Wildberger <cmlwild@me.com>
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 4:12 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Parks and pesticides

Aloha IEM committee,

Thank you for hearing this issue. Maui's park users prefer spray-free parks. Please consider alternatives to spraying and implement a weed cutting program to keep our keiki, pets and reefs safe from harmful pesticide exposure. Please stop the purchase of these chemicals and invest in equipment to cut undesired growth. Chemical herbicides should only be used as a last resort like the efforts to eradicate invasive species in hard to reach remote areas.

Thank you,

Tina Wildberger

Kihei resident and regular park user.

Sent from my iPad

From: Liz Foote <lfoote@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 4:32 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: 3/22 Panel on Herbicide and Pesticide Use

Aloha,

Thank you for hosting the upcoming panel to consider less harmful alternatives for weed and pest control. I support this action from the standpoint of reducing the polluted runoff that ultimately has the potential to negatively affect our coral reef ecosystem.

Thank you,

Liz Foote
Wailuku, Maui
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