

The Sharing Way Annual Project

Hunger for Change; Environment for Life

Organic Pesticides

There has been a growing recognition in Canada that chemical pesticides are linked to problems in the fetal health of unborn children, neurological development disorders of young children, reduced fertility of women, decreased functioning of the body's immune system and the growth of certain cancers. Evidence has been provided in meetings ranging from city councils to the Parliament of Canada. The use of chemical pesticides by Canadian farmers is compounded by city dwellers who are concerned with their lawns and gardens.

Organic pesticides offer the advantages of decreased environmental impact and lower costs for small producer farmers in the developing world. The contents of organic pesticides include ingredients such as cayenne powder, chilli peppers, garlic, vinegar, seeds from Neem tree, rhubarb leaves and soap flakes. The Sharing Way works with researchers and farmers to produce organic pesticides that protect crops, water sources and the environment of rural communities.

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