

# HOSING DOWN A NEIGHBORHOOD



Truck with pesticide containers



and long hose



hosing down sidewalk vegetation



and the soil in between





around windows of homes



and overhead

The pesticides to be used by this method are *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) and Spinosad. Both are “approved” for organics, but contain large percentages of secret synthetic chemical “inert” ingredients. Bt has made **hundreds of people in New Zealand sick**. Spinosad is **harmful to bees, wasps, other moths and butterflies, birds, oysters and other marine mollusks, aquatic invertebrates, fish, and many other non-target species**. Spinosad requires the rich microbial activity found on organic farms for breakdown. If used where toxic herbicides have been used, such as city parks and neighborhoods with unknown herbicide usage, build-up in soil is expected. The Organic Materials Review Institute states that “Spinosad, while an improvement over some materials, is still fairly broad spectrum and not representative of an ecological approach.” Spinosad is manufactured by Dow, most infamous for making napalm and Agent Orange.