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**TEN
REASONS
NOT TO USE
PESTICIDES**



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1. Pesticides **don't solve pest problems**, because they don't change the conditions that **allow pests to thrive**.



2. Pesticides are hazardous to **human health**. Enormous quantities of pesticides known to cause significant health problems are used in the U.S.



3. Pesticides cause special problems for **children**. For their size, children consume more food and drink than adults, and both of these can be contaminated with pesticides. Their play increases their potential exposure. Also, their growing and developing bodies can be particularly sensitive.



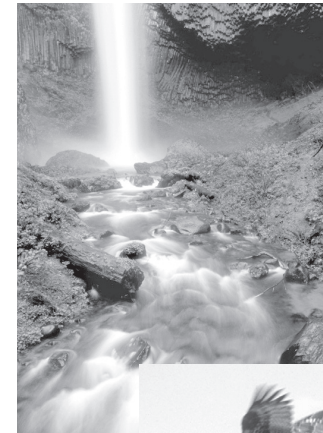
4. Pesticides often contaminate **food**. The widespread use of pesticides in agriculture means that pesticides are frequently found on a variety of common foods.



5. Pesticides are particularly hazardous for **farmers and farmworkers**. The EPA estimated that between 10 and 20 thousand pesticide-related illnesses occur among farmers and farmworkers every year.



6. Pesticides are hazardous to **pets**. Pet poisonings occur frequently, and exposure to a widely-used lawn herbicide is associated with a higher risk of cancer in dogs.



7. Pesticides contaminate **water and air**. Monitoring studies find pesticides in almost every sample that is tested.



8. Pesticides are hazardous to **fish and birds**. Enormous quantities of pesticides already known to EPA to cause problems for fish and birds are used in the U.S. every year.

9. Pesticide safety testing is sponsored or conducted by the same **corporations** that profit from their use.

10. Pesticides have **too many secrets**. Where are pesticides used? When? How much? What's in them? We almost never have good answers to these questions.