

## *Did You Know?:*

# Organic farmers use pesticides too.

**Although most media stories state that organic growers do not use pesticides, the fact is that organic fruit and vegetable growers spray pesticides numerous times to kill insects and pathogens.**

**An encapsulated bacteria (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) is sprayed to infect and kill insect pests while sulfur and copper are used in sprays to kill fungi that would cause organic crops to rot. The encapsulated bacteria, sulfur and copper are all approved for use by organic growers. An accurate statement is that organic growers do not use pesticides containing synthetic chemicals but rather they use pesticides that can be found in the environment and that are toxic to insects and pathogens.**



Application of Organically Approved Pesticide