

Viewpoint: Friends of the Earth ignores organic pesticides harmful to bees

Friends of the Earth Canada is calling on Ontario Minister of the Environment Chris Ballard to investigate the sale of flowering plants containing organic pesticides. Their trial lawyer group Ecojustice [filed an application under Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights](#), requesting the Minister of the Environment investigate the sale of plants containing organic pesticides by garden centers in contravention of the Ontario Pesticides Act.

Okay, that last part isn't true. Well, the trial lawyers are true, environmental groups are a huge employer of attorneys, but they are not worried about the organic pesticide they found on plants from plants sold at RONA, Canadian Tire and Home Depot garden centres in Ottawa. They are only worried about Imidacloprid, a neonicotinoid that has been a target of anti-science fundraising campaigns. But if bees are important, why leave out the dangerous one that is sold as "organic"? Unlike neonicotinoids, which have only been found harmful to bees in activist brochures, organic-certified Spinosad is "highly toxic" to bees.

And yet it is on these plants, though Friends of the Earth does not express their concern about it. [bees organic pesticides 32378](#)

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