

Canadians and nature: Around the home, 2013

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In 2013, more than half of Canadian households (57%) reported that they grew fruits, herbs, vegetables or flowers for personal use in the previous 12 months. The most common place to have grown these types of plants was in the yard (81% of these households), followed by balconies (30%) and indoors (22%).

More than half (59%) of Canadian households that had a lawn or garden reported using fertilizers or pesticides in 2013, up from 55% in 2011. Households in Saskatchewan that had a lawn or garden were the most likely to have used fertilizers or pesticides in 2013 (75%), while those in New Brunswick (47%) were the least likely.

Note to readers

The Households and the Environment Survey asks Canadian households about their activities and behaviours with respect to the environment. It covers a wide variety of topics including water and energy consumption and conservation, hazardous products used in the home, and the household's interactions with nature. Data from the survey are used by governments to guide policies and programs, by researchers to learn more about Canadians and by individuals to see how they compare with the rest of the country.

Available in CANSIM: tables [153-0064](#) and [153-0156 to 153-0158](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3881](#).

The fact sheets "Canadians and Nature – Homegrown fruits, herbs, vegetables and flowers, 2013" and "Canadians and Nature – Fertilizers and pesticides, 2013" are now available in *Enviro Fact Sheets* ([16-508-X](#)), from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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