Organic Dust Warning

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) warns of a risk for developing organic dust toxic syndrome (ODTS), a common respiratory illness that may follow exposure to organic dust contaminated with microorganisms. Workers are typically exposed to this dust when shoveling or moving organic materials such as composted leaves.

An estimated 30- to 40 percent of workers exposed to organic dust will develop the disease. The syndrome is characterized by fever occurring four to 12 hours after exposure, and flu-like symptoms such as general weakness, headache, chills, body aches and cough.

The disease may also bring on a shortness of breath, impaired pulmonary function, and increased white-blood-cell count.

The symptoms usually disappear within 24 hours to a few days after the worker is removed from the exposure.

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