

## *Chemical sensitivity complicates housing*

### **Marie LeBlanc's Story**

I cannot tolerate modern-day housing because I have multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS). I cannot afford the housing I require. From all the people I met in Alberta, they said there is no housing for MCS. I used to live in Winnipeg. After dealing with Manitoba housing and finding out they really weren't going to accommodate me, I just couldn't do the whole thing again in Alberta. Why reinvent the wheel when everyone I talked with couldn't find safe and affordable housing? I needed a single detached dwelling away from cell towers, laundry exhaust, pesticides, etc. I can't do much where there is electricity. So I ended up living in my van, which has shut-off switches and insulating material all over covering scents.

When I was in Manitoba I was in search of housing since 2000. Always moving and/or searching for a safe place. When I went on Provincial Disability in Manitoba I had to give up where I lived and my car (my transportation, as it was hard to take a bus due to everything I had adverse reactions to).