

## 10 Organic Gardening Tips

1. All-natural and organic fertilizers supply much needed nutrients to plantings. Natural and organic fertilizers generally have a slow release so nutrients last over time.

2. Mulch your flower beds and vegetable garden to retain moisture around plants. Mulch supplies plants with necessary moisture throughout hot, sunny days.

3. Create a bird habitat by placing bird houses, birdbaths and bird feeders in your yard. Birds are fun to watch and naturally control the insect population.

4. Use only natural and organic gardening supplies such as Insecticidal Soap, Horticultural Oil or Organic Disease Control to keep your garden naturally healthy.

5. Natural predators such as praying mantis and ladybugs are great organic insect controls.

6. Rain Gardens recharge our groundwater supply and prevent water quality problems called polluted runoff (nonpoint source pollution).

7. Container gardening is good for planting your favorite flowers and vegetables when space is limited! Use large containers such as steel buckets and wooden barrels for creative container gardening.

8. Plant vegetables garden in isolated or up hill areas of your property to eliminate lawn chemicals and insecticides from polluting your garden.

9. Compost, an all natural soil amendment is made through the use of composters. Composters break down organic materials such as leaves, grass clippings, and food scraps to make a 100% organic, all natural soil additive.

10. Push reel mowers are a great way to be organic! Push reel mowers use no gas or electric --- only your own energy.

Most importantly --- have fun!

Remember, all natural supplies make organic gardening easier and more enjoyable.

Happy Gardening!