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Organic Gardens

Today on Gardening in a Minute: organic gardens.

Organic gardening is an increasingly popular pastime. In an organic garden, natural and organic materials are favored over synthetic chemicals and compounds.

As with any vegetable or flower garden, an organic garden needs a well-drained spot where it'll get plenty of sunlight.

Provide nutrients to your plants by incorporating organic matter like composted animal manure into the soil at least three weeks before planting, since these materials are slow-working. Mixed organic fertilizers can be added right before planting.

Water your organic garden early in the morning to help prevent disease, and solarize the soil each summer to combat nematodes. Hand-pick insects, or use horticultural oils, insecticidal soaps, or other low toxicity products to control them.

For more information about organic gardens and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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