

Rodale's Basic Organic Gardening: A Beginner's Guide To Starting A Healthy Garden



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Synopsis

When the inspiration hits to start an organic garden, many novices could benefit from a guidebook that speaks directly to their enthusiasm, their goals, and, of course, their need for solid information that speaks a newbie's language. From the most trusted source for organic gardening methods, In Rodale's Basic Organic Gardening by Deborah L. Martin, general garden-building skills (from "Do I need to dig?" to "Where do I dig?") and specific techniques (from "How do I plant a seed?" to "How much should I water?") are presented in growing-season order from garden planning and planting to growing and harvesting. Many other need-to-know topics like soil, compost, seeds, pest control, and weeds are explained in simple language to ensure success, even on a small scale, on the first try. More than 100 common garden terms are defined, and Smart Starts sidebars offer doable projects to build confidence and enthusiasm for expanding a garden when a gardener is ready. A flower, vegetable, and herb finder highlights easy-care plants with good track records. Plus, there are no-dig garden methods, simple garden layouts, and tips and hints inspired by the most popular page views on OrganicGardening.com. With a "no question is unwelcome" approach, a troubleshooting section lessens frustrations and encourages experimentation. Rodale's Basic Organic Gardening is everything a beginning gardener (or one who's new to gardening organically) needs to get growing and keep a garden going strong all season.

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Customer Reviews

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As always, Rodale delivers--this time it's a comprehensive source for organic gardening. The book is well-organized and anticipates and answers questions clearly. An excellent "go-to" source for OG, and well as the basics on the wonders of soil, and plants in general, and how we interact with them.

Very clearly written. Great introduction for anyone just starting to garden. I am currently using it with my 7th grade students and it is working very well!

I am enjoying reading Rodale's Basic Organic Gardening. It clearly describes how to set up organic gardening beds, gives lots of interesting information, and has a large section giving specific directions for success with each plant. There are sections on upkeep, pest control, weed management, and attracting beneficial organisms. There is a calendar describing what to do each month. It is clearly written, easy to read, and comprehensive. This is a great reference book for beginners as well as more experienced gardeners.

Have never been disappointed with any information from Rodale and this is no exception. Stuffed with information in a clear concise manner. This is like all their reference books - full of info that I'm looking for and written so there is no ambiguity about what they are telling me. They've long ago established their mastery of their subject matter - so I always know I'll get great info I can rely on.

I quite enjoyed this book. At the moment, I am brand new to the idea of organic gardening, so this was a really nice introduction to the subject. The book is written in a very friendly manner and has all kinds of really good information. I don't know that this book will get anybody to the status of advanced gardener (and I'm certainly not there), but the title does have "Basic" in it, so I don't expect it to. The information is well worth the cost of the book - I'll be using this as a reference for my own garden in the future.

Fanastic book about organic gardening at home. There is a lot of useful info for beginners.

Love this book as a first time gardener. Really easy read, got through it in one weekend. It's my organic gardening bible.

Rodale Institute is the soul of organic farming. Great book by Ms. Martin.. Thank you so much for spreading your wisdom throughout these pages to further help others to make safer/healthier choices in gardening.

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