

# UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County Community Garden Program

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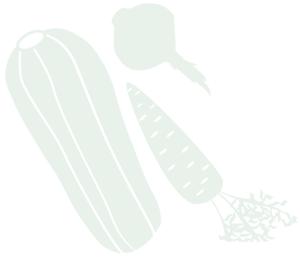
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Any product not labeled for organic and edible gardening, synthetic pesticides are prohibited in Sarasota County community gardens, including but not limited to:

- Bendiocarb
- Bug B Gon, Weed B Gon, Preen 'n Green
- Malathion
- Permethrin
- Sevin
- Amdro
- Rodeo
- Roundup

**What's not allowed?**

## Pest Control

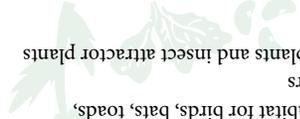


*Always read the label! Many products are not organic and/or not safe for edibles.*

- Horticultural Oils and Sprays (Neem, fish oil, garlic, and pepper sprays)
- Insecticidal Soaps (no detergent or degreaser)
- Diatomaceous Earth
- Sulfur
- Limonene and Linalool
- Iron Phosphate
- Vinegar
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Chitin for control of nematodes
- Hydrogen Peroxide

**Chemical**

## Pest Control



- Hand-picking, hand-weeding
- Soil solarization
- Hand spraying with water
- Traps (Beer, pheromone, sticky, water, food)
- Removal or excavation of pest insect nests and ant mounds
- Row covers
- Proper disposal of insects and diseased plants

**Physical**

## Pest Control



- Healthy soil
- Begin with healthy starter plants
- Cardboard and heavy mulch
- Tool sanitation
- Companion plants
- Water roots, not leaves
- Right plant, right place
- Crop rotation
- Follow seasonal planting guidelines
- Bioinoculants approved for organic farming

**What's allowed?**

## Pest Control

For more information on organic gardening and Integrated Pest Management, please visit:

[sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/Hort/commgarden.shtml](http://sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/Hort/commgarden.shtml)

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## Organic Gardening & INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Sarasota's community gardens are proud to be organic. Organic gardening and Integrated Pest Management emphasize preventing problems before they occur, soil building, working with nature, and using the least toxic substance possible if intervention is required. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a key part of organic gardening, and uses a tiered approach consisting of cultural, physical, and biological methods first and chemical as the last resort.



## Fertilizers & Soil Amendments

### What's allowed?

Below are approved fertilizers and soil amendments:

- N-nitrogen, P-phosphorus, K-potassium
- Commercially available OMRI certified and/or 100% natural organic fertilizers
- Compost (N, P, K)
- Animal manures, composted before use (N)
- Alfalfa meal (N)
- Blood meal (N)
- Hoof and horn meal (N)
- Kelp or seaweed, liquid or powder (N)
- Fish emulsion (N, P)
- Wood ashes (K)
- Granite or feldspar dust (K)
- Greensand (K)
- Charcoal or Biochar
- Bioinoculants approved for organic farming

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- Natural organic fertilizers
- Compost teas
- Earthworm castings
- Beneficial microbes (e.g., Azotobacter, *Bacillus spp.*)

### What's not allowed?

- Formulations containing sewage sludge



Have questions? Look it up now!  
<http://www.omri.org/omri-lists>

The lists noted here are not inclusive. The listing of specific product names does not imply endorsement of that product, nor does it indicate that other similar products are unacceptable. For additional assistance, contact our Plant Clinic at (941) 861-9807, or utilize the OMRI and ATTRA database websites.