



Organic Gardening 101

We use organic methods at the garden. **No pesticides or other harsh chemicals are permitted.** By keeping your soil rich in organic matter, such as using our own compost made at the garden and adding some composted chicken manure, the life within your soil will be sufficient for growing organic vegetables and herbs.

Ready---get set---GROW! We consistently garden, cultivate and manage our plots YEAR-ROUND!

1. If not already in place, you will want to install a drip irrigation system and a fence to surround your plot, not to exceed 36 inches.
2. Spread a 1"-2" layer of chicken manure over your plot and the same amount of compost from the #3 compost bins. Optional: a product called "N'Rich" can be purchased at Green Thumb instead of using the Garden compost.
3. Always add organic materials to your soil at the end of every growing season.
4. Dig in these amendments with a shovel, rake the bed out and water thoroughly.
5. Wait a week to allow the manure to settle down.
6. Turn over the soil once again and rake smooth. Now you're ready to plant!
7. At the end of each growing season, clear out any old vegetables from your plot, cut into small pieces and place in compost bin #1 or leave next to the compost bins and they will be shredded on the next workday.

Two Growing Seasons in Santa Clarita

- **Warm Growing Season** **approx. April 15-October 15**

Start tomatoes, peppers, eggplant seeds indoors by March 1, transplant into garden beginning April 15th and plant in the late afternoon to avoid scorching young plants with the sun.

Vegetables that you can plant by seed directly into the garden include bush beans, pole beans, beets, cucumber, summer squashes, pumpkins, heat resistant Swiss chard and

