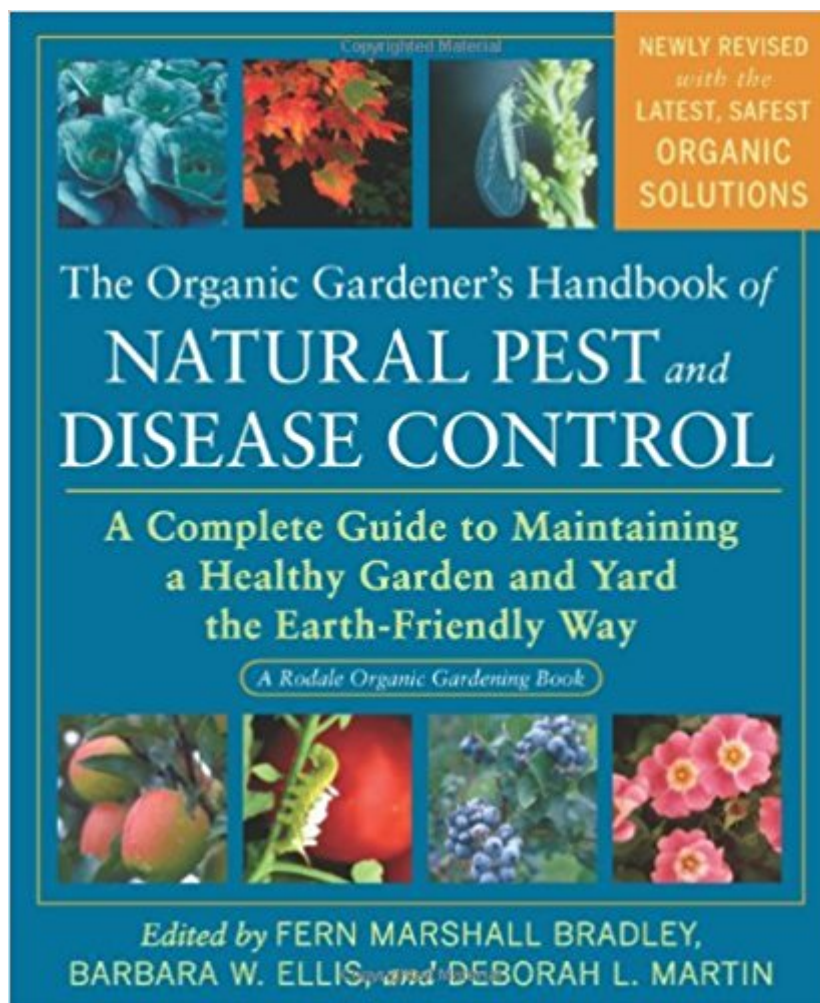


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# The Organic Gardener's Handbook Of Natural Pest And Disease Control: A Complete Guide To Maintaining A Healthy Garden And Yard The Earth-Friendly Way (Rodale Organic Gardening Books (Paperback))





## Synopsis

With growing consumer awareness about the dangers of garden chemicals, turn to *The Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Pest and Disease Control* (by Fern Bradley) as the most reliable and comprehensive guide on the garden shelf. Rodale has been the category leader in organic methods for decades, and this thoroughly updated edition features the latest science-based recommendations for battling garden problems. With all-new photos of common and recently introduced pests and plant diseases, you can quickly identify whether you've discovered garden friend or foe and what action, if any, you should take. No other reference includes a wider range of methods for growing and maintaining an organic garden. The plant-by-plant guide features symptoms and solutions for 200 popular plants, including flowers, vegetables, trees, shrubs, and fruits. The insect-and-disease encyclopedia includes a photo identification guide and detailed descriptions of damage readers may see. The extensive coverage of the most up-to-date organic control techniques and products, presented in order of lowest impact to most intensive intervention, makes it easy to choose the best control.

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## Customer Reviews

Fern Marshall Bradley, Barbara W. Ellis, and Deborah L. Martin are former editors of Rodale Garden Books who coauthored the 1992 edition of this book.

I am new to the Organic world and this book has been extremely easy to read and very informative. I have reached for it many times and I love it! It is written for most gardeners to understand. I tend to be one to reach for the computer and yet I reach for this book first.

good book with pictures and environmentally friendly ways of controlling pests.

Great product, great price!

Very informative.

I have been trying my hand at organic gardening for a couple of years now and I am learning, quite quickly, that it is NOT easy! I am so glad that books like The Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Pest and Disease Control are around to help poor souls like me who just don't have much of a green thumb! There are 4 parts to this book. Part 1 deals with building a healthy garden so that you can grow healthy plants. This section deals with composting, cover crops, and applying healthy supplements such as seaweed spray. (I have never heard of seaweed spray! I am going to do some research on that!) It also covers topics such as choosing resistant strains of plants and planting at the right time of year. Even a week or two change in when you plant can help avoid certain pests. I do wish there was more information on heirloom plant varieties, it seems like the hybrid plants offer more resistance to disease and the fewer diseases, the fewer treatments necessary, however I love heirloom plants for their uniqueness. The second section deals with Symptoms and Solutions and the third is Identifying Pests and Diseases. These are very informative sections that takes each individual plant and describes every possible problem you could have with it. You can search by plant type (begonia, carrots, etc) or disease type (fungal, viral, bug, etc) There are some not so pretty pictures to help you identify your garden pest. I discovered that the spooky looking critter on my grape leaves is a leaf hopper. Now, I just move on to the next section on how to get rid of him! The last section is an extensive collection of how to get rid of your unwanted pest or disease. It includes biological controls, organic sprays and dusts, making your own homemade solutions, and planting things that repel other insects. This is a very thorough chapter and ends with a resource section that you can use to help find the ingredients that are mentioned in the book. Which is a great thing because none of the stores around here I have looked in carry diatomaceous earth and that seems to be a popular pest control method. I highly recommend this book to anyone trying to grow an organic garden. It is not easy to do but this book will go a long way in making your garden more

productive and help you spot issues early before they get out of control. Disclaimer: I received one copy of this book in order to write my review. All opinions expressed here are mine and mine alone.

I got several books from the library to decide which i wanted to buy and this one was the best book out of all of them i looked at on the subject. Gives you a lot of great information in an easy to reference guide. Awesome book!

Excellent.

Living in an apartment and our only way to garden is in a community garden. With the variety of plants around and poor upkeep of some garden lots, pests and diseases spread quickly. Garden first time last year and had to do intensive research on the internet to keep a head to the pests and diseases in our veg garden. With this book and another, we will have a good instant resource to refer too. One problem with the internet is there has been few resources with pest/ disease identification/ pictures and solutions in one place. We spent endless hours trying to identify a beetle. Even with it identified there where few resources on control of the pest. Seems that many gardening tips/ techniques and expertise are still in books.

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