

Helpful Hints for Purchasing Approved Organic Garden Products

Think before you apply – will this product do more harm to the soil substructure than it will help the plant?

Crabtree offers recommended resources, such as books and Organically acceptable inputs (products), at the Farm Stand.

Language to **BEWARE** on the ingredients list

- synthetic, petroleum solvents, petroleum distillates
- “all natural” is okay, but “made with organic ingredients” is NOT
- “active organic ingredients” doesn’t mean all ingredients are organic
- “inert ingredients” must be accompanied with “all natural” or “organic”
- “rotenone” and “nicotine sulfate” are all natural but PROHIBITED

Garden Structures/Trellises

- NO treated lumber (the treatment chemicals can leach into the soil)
- YES use cedar, locust or other untreated wood
- YES use metal or plastic

Basic Organic No-No’s

- 7 Dust
- Ammonium Nitrate
- Miracle-Gro
- “Anhydrous” anything

What Works for Us

- Bacillus Thuringiensis (Bt)- Note: there are many different kinds that target different pests.
- Diatomaceous Earth
- Pyrethrins
- Yellow Sticky Tape
- Neem
- Spinosad for Fire Ants
- Insecticidal Soaps

Organic Product Resources

- Austin’s Garden Center, 267-6515 – highly recommended
- The Barn Nursery,
- Lowe’s
- Ooltewah Nursery,
- www.johnnyseeds.com
- www.groworganic.com