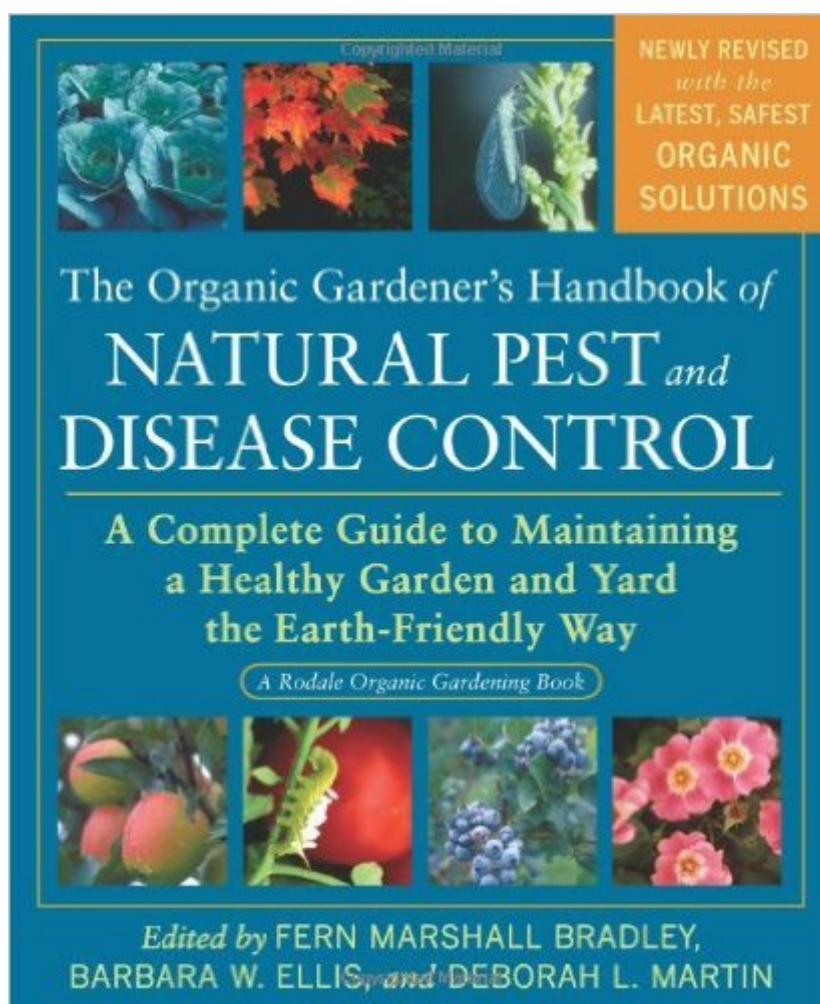


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# The Organic Gardener's Handbook Of Natural Pest And Disease Control: A Complete Guide To Maintaining A Healthy Garden And Yard The Earth-Friendly Way (Rodale Organic Gardening Books (Paperback))





## 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

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 have been needing a book like this because my yard is filled with all sorts of plants from perennial flowers to fruit trees to annual vegetables to succulents. While I haven't quite formed a total relationship with this book, I am happy with the ability to look things up by plant or by pest. There could be more pest photos, but the ones they do have are very good and in color. I would like to see all stages of life for each pest.

I have been a gardener for more than 25 years, and an organic gardener for about 10 years. This is a great book where you can find a lot answers to problems related to the diseases of plants and how to control them using organic methods. Great reference book!

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!

I found this book very informative with excellent color pictures to help me identify good and bad bugs in my garden, which is why I bought the book. It also has a ton of information about different diseases of plants. I have grabbed this book several times this summer to figure out what was ailing my plants. The book is definitely one that will get used over and over at my house!

I use this book mostly as reference material. When I am curious about something happening involving a particular plant I can just look up the plant and am likely to find a possible diagnosis. It also has nice color pictures and information on insects.

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) is a gardeners "must have" reference book. It is very informative and helpful, and one of the first books I've read that stresses the importance of soil properties and clean tool practices. So glad I bought this and now have it to refer to!

this book has a lot of good information. i was looking for specific information on fungal gnats, the organic way. i was disappointed after getting the book on kindle as it did not even mention the fungal gnats. it does have a variety of ways to look up information, such as by plant, disease or symptoms, and includes some pretty good photo's. i was looking for something a little easier to use and something for a specific pest. i will use the book when i have to.

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