

# DEFINING WHAT ORGANIC MEANS

## POSITIVES



## AND

## NEGATIVES



Gardens with a great variety of wildlife and biodiversity in a balanced system  
Love – more substantial growth and substance  
Using biological controls e.g. nematodes / encarsia wasps  
Increased biological activity – lots of microbes! (through addition of organic fertilisers)  
Woodash / Cardboard (corrugated)  
Liming – to protect the plants from heavy metals  
Friendly to other life-forms – birds, insects, etc  
Techniques to keep soil water and run-off 'clean' , healthy, life-pure  
Harmony with nature  
Systems that are cyclic – e.g. grow stuff in one place / time that provides resources that have been depleted in another place / time  
Food that tastes better and is more nutritious  
Eating seasonal veg.

Hydroponics  
Food grown for profit will never be the best  
Food allergies  
Newspapers  
Management techniques heavy on non-renewable resources  
Mono-cropping in the same site year after year  
Don't want 'pests', even if they're 'natural'  
Monoculture on vast areas that destroys all / most other wildlife / biodiversity  
Substances / techniques that do or may upset the balance of nature or disturb the local/global eco-system  
Substances that will stay in the soil for a long time and have a negative effect on natural systems and get into water tables, streams, rivers.  
Heavy metals in too great a concentration