

Unit Title: Understanding Organic Horticulture
Unit Level: Level 1
Unit Credit Value: 3
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This unit has 5 learning outcomes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES		ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	
The learner will:		The learner can:	
1.	Understand the difference between organic and conventional growing systems.	1.1	Define the term 'conventional' as applied to growing systems.
		1.2	Define the term 'organic' as applied to sustainable growing systems.
		1.3	Identify the advantages of organic growing methods.
		1.4	Identify the disadvantages of organic growing methods.
		1.5	State the potential environmental benefits of organic growing methods.
2.	Know about organic soil management techniques.	2.1	Identify common methods of improving soil fertility.
		2.2	State the purpose of composting.
		2.3	Define the term 'green manure'.
		2.4	Give examples of green manures.
3.	Be able to demonstrate organic soil management techniques.	3.1	Enrich the soil with manures and fertilisers for organic gardening.
4.	Understand organic crop protection techniques.	4.1	State the benefits of using natural methods of pest and disease control.
		4.2	Describe organic methods of pest control.
		4.3	List natural predators and the pests they control.
5.	Be able to demonstrate organic crop protection techniques.	5.1	Apply an organic method of pest control.

Assessment Guidance:

AC 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 A minimum of three examples to be given.

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Additional Information:

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