

Why organic fertilizers are better

Chemical fertilizers are made from coal or natural gas, non-renewable resources. Besides smelling bad, they pollute ground water -- the very water we drink -- and make our food less healthy, especially for kids who are most affected by pollution. [Read the special link](#) on what industry experts say about 'organics.'

Synthetic fertilizers such as Miracle Gro, provide impressive results in the *short* term, but they do more harm to your plants in the long term. Chemical fertilizers are mostly salts which acidify the soil. This harms soil-building 'beneficials' like earthworms, bacteria and fungi. The soil structure eventually collapses (picture a cake that's been run over by a truck), which means it cannot hold -- and deliver -- water, air and nutrients to your plants. What's more, the chemicals leach out of the soil, which means you must apply more chemicals. You see the vicious circle? That's how plants become addicted to chemicals.

Organic materials, like [compost](#), mulch and **PlanTea greatly improve your soil**, whether in a potted houseplant or a tray of seedlings. This means your homegrown broccoli and tomatoes taste better. And your prize petunias will resist pests and survive nasty weather better than their chemical-fed cousins. But you don't have to take our word for it, [read what others have to say](#).