



OMRI Q&A

Why check for organic compliance?

- **Labels don't tell the whole story** OMRI Listed® products have all their ingredients – including unreported and “inert” ingredients – thoroughly checked for organic compliance.
- **Products reformulate** OMRI monitors products to ensure continued compliance.
- **The organic standards evolve** OMRI's review process changes with them, as new technologies create new options and render old systems obsolete.
- **We're streamlining certification** OMRI verifies products in advance so organic producers get faster answers and can get down to business.

What are use restrictions?

Not all products are allowed for all uses all the time. OMRI emphasizes following the use restrictions indicated in the *OMRI Products List*® and organic producers should always check with their certifier before using any new substances.

How does OMRI review products?

Manufacturers confidentially submit product information to OMRI, including all ingredients and manufacturing processes, and OMRI specialists review each product formula according to strict procedures and guidelines to determine compliance. On average, around 10% of the products that apply are not allowed, often due to a prohibited ingredient or manufacturing process.

Search the OMRI Lists for free at OMRI.org

OMRI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Its mission is to support the growth and trust of the global organic community through expert, independent and transparent verification of input materials, and through education and technical assistance.



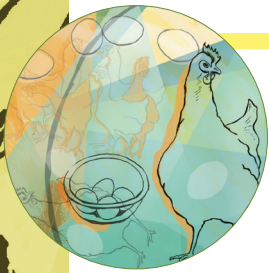
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Organic is Easier with OMRI

OMRI offers a great resource in choosing what products we will use to truly grow organic. ”

Nina Morton, Macala Orchards

It’s difficult to navigate the can and cannots of organic growing regulations. Without OMRI many would-be organic growers might give up in the face of the challenge... ”

Roxanne Magnuson, LifeSource Natural Foods

We were torn between assisting the certification process and maintaining our proprietary information. OMRI eliminates this conflict and makes it easier for both parties. ”

Tim Tetzlaff, Dramm Corporation

The rules governing inputs in organic production can be complex, but OMRI makes it simple. Just check the *OMRI Products List*®, *OMRI Canada Products List*® or *OMRI Mexico Products List*® and look for the OMRI Listed seal to find verified products for organic operations and home gardens. OMRI serves the entire organic community with the information needed to ensure organic integrity from the start.

Product Verification

Each year, hundreds of product manufacturers choose to submit their confidential formulas to OMRI for verification against the organic standards. Companies seeking OMRI listing can take the critical first step by ordering an OMRI Application Kit online.

Technical Support

Organic professionals turn to OMRI’s experts for accurate, detailed information to help make important compliance decisions. OMRI provides support for the organic standards update process in Canada and Mexico, and for the USDA National Organic Standards Board meetings and materials decisions. Certifiers receive key assistance to enable informed and consistent input evaluation, while growers and producers use OMRI’s free website resources and subscribe to receive comprehensive technical support.



Home Gardeners

Savvy gardeners know that labels can be misleading—some input products labeled “organic” or “natural” are actually prohibited for use in organic production. When choosing products for organic use, home gardeners can look for the OMRI seal and trust OMRI’s verification process to keep their gardens organic.

