

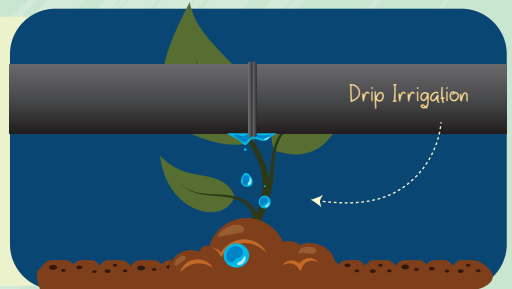
# Environmental Skills Sheet for Passion Fruit Farming

Look out for the environment when practicing Passion Fruit Farming. This will help you get a good production now and in the future!



## CONSERVE WATER

- Passion Fruit needs less water than other fruits.
- It's best to use drip irrigation to reduce water loss.
- Harvest water whenever it rains to use when dry.

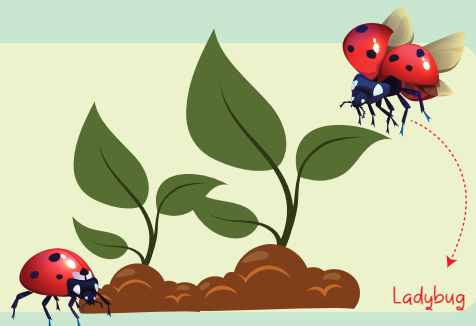


## SOIL HEALTH

- Make compost and add it in to the soil to provide nutrients and help the soil hold more water.
- Plant different crops on the same field every season to reduce pest and disease attack. This is called crop rotation.

## NATURAL PEST CONTROL

- Introduce natural enemies (insects) to control pests naturally like ladybugs and lacewings.
- If you must use chemicals, use those that are friendly to the environment.



## USE FERTILIZER IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT HARM THE ENVIRONMENT

Use organic fertilizers that are rich in nutrients when possible. If using fertilizer from the agrovet, use the right rates. When we use more than needed, we harm the soil.

## USE DIFFERENT METHODS TO STOP WEEDS

- Apply mulch on the farm to stop weeds from growing and keep water in the soil for longer. You can use remains from last seasons crops as mulch.
- Remove weeds by hand, using a jembe or a panga to avoid competition for food, water and light.
- If you use herbicides, use the right amount to avoid harming the environment.



→ mulch

## RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Get rid of farm waste well to stop polluting the area. Once a pesticide container is empty, rinse it 3 times before putting it in the trash bin.

## COMMIT TO KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT SAFE

- Be a role model for responsible farming that takes care of the environment.
- Talk to your neighbours and other farmers about these good practices for keeping the environment safe and clean.
- This is how we can all produce good quality food and make money now and in future.



Remember these skills will help your passion fruit business be successful and ensure a healthy planet for our children to thrive too. Together, we can create a good and successful farming environment!