



OUR WATER — OUR WORLD

Resources for Gardening in the Bay Area

HELPFUL ORGANIZATIONS & WEBSITES

- **Our Water Our World:** www.ourwaterourworld.org
Pest fact sheets, updated lists of less-toxic products, and the retail store locator
- **Contra Costa Clean Water Program:** cccleanwater.org/community
MCSTOPPP: marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/creeks-bay-and-flood/mcstoppp
SFPUC: sfwater.org
Information on protecting watersheds and reducing runoff, managing common pests, hiring eco-certified pest controllers and local events.
- **UC Statewide IPM Program:** www.ipm.ucdavis.edu
Identification of pests; insects, diseases and weeds; detailed descriptions of pests and management methods.
- **Gardening in Contra Costa County:** ccwater.com/740/Gardening-in-Contra-Costa-County
Marin Gardening Resources: marinwater.org/gardening-resources
SF Bay Gardening: sfbaygardening.com/resources/bay-area-planting-calendar/
Watering Guide, garden photos, design and garden planning information, plant lists, garden maintenance schedules and resources.
- **Garden for the Environment:** www.gardenfortheenvironment.org
San Francisco's teaching garden, open to the public daily with weekly volunteer hours and workshops. See their online resources for composting and organic gardening.
- **Master Gardeners:**
Contra Costa: ccmg.ucanr.edu
Marin: marinmg.ucanr.edu
San Francisco: smsf-mastergardeners.ucanr.edu
Garden education, resources, and demonstration gardens.
- **California Native Plant Society:** www.cnps.org
Plant recommendations, sources of native plants, and publications aimed at conserving and appreciating native plants. Enter your zip code into their Calscape site for a list of plants suitable to your location: <https://www.calscape.org/>
- **BAWSCA:** bawsca.org
For landscaping classes, water saving rebates, gardening tools, and water wise gardening plant list
- **Earth Ally:** www.earth-ally.com or info@earth-ally.com
Created by Charlotte Canner, IPM Advocate and educator. Visit this website to learn about gardening, composting, and supporting Mother Earth. Contact Charlotte with any questions!
- **Plant Harmony:** plantharmony.org or suzanne@plantharmony.org
Created by Suzanne Bontempo, IPM Advocate and educator. Visit this organic gardening site to contact Suzanne with questions and to sign up for weekly gardening tips.

BOOKS

- **Gardener's Guide to Common-Sense Pest Control**, Olkowski, Daar, Steve Ash, Taunton Press, 2013. A practical guide that offers effective pest management strategies with the least risk to people and the environment.
- **Pests of the Small Garden and Farm**, Mary Louise Flint, UC Press, 1990 and **Pests of Landscape Trees and Shrubs**, Steve Dreistadt, UC Press, 1994. 1-800-994-8849 (ANR Catalog). Extensive color plates for identifying pests and diseases, detailed text on less-toxic management techniques.
- **What's Wrong with My Plant: A Visual Guide to Easy Diagnosis and Organic Remedies**, David Deardorff and Kathryn Wadsworth, Timber Press, 2009. Flow charts that help to accurately diagnose plant problems along with less-toxic management strategies.
- **Gaia's Garden**, Toby Hemenway, Chelsea Green Publishing, 2009. A practical introduction to permaculture with tips on building fertile soil, conserving water, creating habitat and growing edibles along with ornamentals.
- **Attracting Native Pollinators**: Xerces Society, Storey Publishing, 2011. Information on providing flowering habitat and nesting sites for our native pollinators.
- **Golden Gate Gardening**, Pam Peirce, Sasquatch Books, 2002. Detailed resource on organic gardening and composting specific to San Francisco Bay Area climates and geography.
- **The Rodale Book of Composting**, Rodale Press, 1992. Offers detailed descriptions of and how-tos for several methods of backyard composting.
- **Worms Eat My Garbage**, Mary Appelhof, Flower Press, 1982. A primer on all you need to know to set up and maintain a healthy worm bin.
- **Teaming with Microbes**, Jeff Lowenfels & Wayne Lewis, Timber Press, 2006. A deeper dive but easy to digest resource for understanding soil health and the living world under our feet.

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites:

- Central County: 4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez, 800-646-1431
- West County: 101 Pittsburg Ave., Richmond, 888-412-9277
- East County: 2550 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway, Antioch, 925-756-1990
- Marin County: 565 Jacoby Street, San Rafael, 415-485-6806 marinhhw.com
- San Francisco: 501 Tunnel Ave, San Francisco, hhw@recology.com

Our Water Our World helps consumers find eco-friendly products for use in their homes and gardens and provides information on managing common garden and household pests.

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