



# OUR WATER — OUR WORLD

## Resources for Gardening for the Bay Area

### HELPFUL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Our Water Our World:** [www.ourwaterourworld.org](http://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](http://cccleanwater.org/community)  
**MCSTOPPP:** [marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/creeks-bay-and-flood/mcstoppp](http://marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/creeks-bay-and-flood/mcstoppp)  
**SFPUC:** [sfwater.org](http://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](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu)  
Identification of pests; insects, diseases and weeds; detailed descriptions of pests and management methods.
- **Pesticide information and Pest identification:**
  - **National Pesticide Information Center:** [npic.orst.edu](http://npic.orst.edu)
  - **Bug Guide:** [bugguide.net](http://bugguide.net)
- **Gardening in Contra Costa County:** [ccwater.com/740/Gardening-in-Contra-Costa-County](http://ccwater.com/740/Gardening-in-Contra-Costa-County)  
**Marin Gardening Resources:** [marinwater.org/gardening-resources](http://marinwater.org/gardening-resources)  
**SF Bay Gardening:** [sfbaygardening.com/resources/bay-area-planting-calendar/](http://sfbaygardening.com/resources/bay-area-planting-calendar/)  
Watering Guide, garden photos, design and garden planning information, plant lists, garden maintenance schedules and resources for Contra Costa gardeners.
- **Greywater Action:** [greywateraction.org](http://greywateraction.org)  
Greywater Action is a collaborative of educators who teach residents and tradespeople about affordable and simple household water systems that dramatically reduce water use and foster sustainable cultures of water.
- **The Urban Farmer Store:** [www.urbanfarmerstore.com](http://www.urbanfarmerstore.com)  
A Bay Area resource for all of your irrigation needs, including greywater & rain catchment systems
- **Plant Harmony:** [plantharmony.org](http://plantharmony.org) or [suzanne@plantharmony.org](mailto:suzanne@plantharmony.org)  
Visit this organic gardening site to contact our speaker with questions and to sign up for weekly gardening tips.
- **Earth Ally:** [earth-ally.com](http://earth-ally.com)  
Created by Charlotte Canner, IPM Advocate and educator. Visit this website to learn about gardening, composting, and supporting Mother Earth
- **Garden for the Environment:** [gardenfortheenvironment.org](http://gardenfortheenvironment.org)  
San Francisco's public teaching garden
- **Master Gardeners:**
  - Contra Costa:** [ccmg.ucanr.edu](http://ccmg.ucanr.edu)
  - Marin:** [marinmg.ucanr.edu](http://marinmg.ucanr.edu)
  - San Francisco:** [smsf-mastergardeners.ucanr.edu](http://smsf-mastergardeners.ucanr.edu)  
Garden education, resources, and demonstration gardens.

- **California Native Plant Society:** [www.cnps.org](http://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: [www.calscape.org](http://www.calscape.org)
- **BAWSCA:** [bawasca.org](http://bawasca.org)  
For landscaping classes, water saving rebates, gardening tools, and water wise gardening plant list
- **Arboretum All Stars:** [arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum-all-stars](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum-all-stars)  
Details on growing and caring for 100 plants that are good choices for our area.

## BOOKS

- **Attracting Native Pollinators:** Xerces Society, Storey Publishing, 2011.  
Information on providing flowering habitat and nesting sites for our native pollinators.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Landscape Pests Identification Cards,** Publication 3513, Larry Strand & Jack Kelly Clark, ANR Communication Services, 2011, order from ANR catalog: 1-800-994-8849. Pocket-sized, laminated cards are a handy reference to insect pests and diseases and management strategies for landscape plants.
- **Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates, Plants for a Lush, Water-Conscious Landscape,** Nora Harlow & Saxton Holt, Timber Press, 2020. This handbook shares the plants and practices for gardening in our California climate, with everything you need to create a flourishing summer-dry garden.
- **Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates,** EBMUD, 2004. A perfect resource for choosing plants for the Bay Area and designing a healthy garden that attracts beneficials.
- **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 Dearnorff and Kathryn Wadsworth, Timber Press, 2009. Flow charts that help to accurately diagnose plant problems along with less-toxic management strategies.

## 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](http://marinhhw.com)
- San Francisco: 501 Tunnel Ave, San Francisco, [hhw@recology.com](mailto: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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