



OUR WATER – OUR WORLD



Resources for Gardening in Alameda County

HELPFUL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Our Water Our World:** www.ourwaterourworld.org
Pest fact sheets & updated lists of retailer partners that sell eco-friendly alternatives
- **Clean Water Program:** www.cleanwaterprogram.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.ucanr.edu
Identification of pests and weeds; detailed descriptions of pests and management methods.
Hiring a Pest Control Company: ipm.ucanr.edu/PDF/PESTNOTES/pnhirepestcontrol.pdf
- **Bug Guide:** bugguide.net – An online community of naturalists who enjoy learning about and sharing our observations of insects, spiders, and other related creatures.
- **National Pesticide Information Center:** npic.prst.edu
NPIC provides objective, science-based information about pesticides and pesticide-related topics to enable people to make informed decisions. NPIC is a cooperative agreement between Oregon State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- **Plant Harmony:** plantharmony.org or suzanne@plantharmony.org
Visit this organic gardening site to contact our speaker with questions and to sign up for gardening tips.
- **Earth Ally:** earth-ally.com
Created by Charlotte Canner, IPM Advocate and educator. Visit this website to learn about gardening, composting, and supporting Mother Earth
- **East Bay Municipal Utility District:** ebmud.com
Lawn & Landscape Watering Schedule – [Lawn_Landscape_Watering_Schedule.pdf](#)
- **Stop Waste:** stopwaste.org
Stop Waste is a public agency that helps Alameda County residents recycle properly & waste less
- **BAWSCA:** bawasca.org
For landscaping classes, water saving rebates, gardening tools, & water wise gardening plant list
- **Alameda County Master Gardeners:** acmg.ucanr.edu
Garden education, resources, and demonstration gardens for Alameda County.
- **California Native Plant Society East Bay Chapter:** ebcnps.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
- **Calflora:** www.calflora.org
A database of CA native plants. Enter a plant name under “Search for Plants” for extensive details about that plant.
- **Water Efficient Landscape Design Calculator:** lawntogarden.org/water-savings-calculator
Curious about how much water you can save by converting your lawn? Use this calculator to see potential water savings and benefits of sheet mulching!
- **Alameda County Water District:** acwd.org
Information & resources for conserving water, water saving rebates, ‘Rain Water Harvesting’ recorded webinar, and more

- **Beneficial nematodes:** resources for how to purchase, how to apply, and best species for specific pest
 - organiccontrol.com
 - rinconvitova.com
 - tiptopbiocontrol.com

BOOKS

- **Golden Gate Gardening**, Pam Peirce, Sasquatch Books, 2010. The complete guide to year-round food gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area and Coastal California.
- **Plant Partners**, Jessica Walliser, Storey Publishing, 2020
Science-based companion planting strategies for the Vegetable Garden
- **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.
- **The Water-wise Home**, Laura Allen, Storey Publishing, 2015. How to conserve, capture and reuse water in your home and landscape. A practical guide to greywater reuse and rainwater harvesting for home water saving solutions
- **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.
- **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.
- **Vegetable Pest Identification for Gardens and Small Farms**, Publication 3553, Mary Louise Flint, Andrew Sutherland, Karey Windbiel-Rojas, ANR Communication Services, 2018, order from ANR catalog: 1-800-994-8849. Color photos and detailed text on a set of laminated cards to help identify and manage pests of vegetable gardens.
- **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.

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites:

www.stopwaste.org/at-home/household-hazardous-waste

- Oakland: 2100 E. 7th Street
- Hayward: 2091 West Winton Avenue
- Livermore: 5584 La Ribera Street
- Fremont: 41149 Boyce Road

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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