



# OUR WATER — OUR WORLD

## Resources for Gardening in the Bay Area

### HELPFUL ORGANIZATIONS & WEBSITES

- **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.ucanr.edu](http://www.ipm.ucanr.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](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.
- **Garden for the Environment:** [www.gardenfortheenvironment.org](http://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](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.
- **Institute for Local Self Reliance** - [www.ilsr.org](http://www.ilsr.org) , Articles, webinars, infographics and more to learn about the benefits of compost and how to get involved with community based composters.
- **The Compost Story,** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqDQD8cvO5Y> , 6.5 minute introduction to compost
- **Earth Ally:** [www.earth-ally.com](http://www.earth-ally.com) or [info@earth-ally.com](mailto:info@earth-ally.com)  
Created by Charlotte Canner, IPM Advocate and educator. Contact Charlotte with any questions!

- **Plant Harmony:** [plantharmony.org](http://plantharmony.org) or [suzanne@plantharmony.org](mailto: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

- **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.
- **The Rodale Book of Composting**, Rodale Press, 1992. Offers detailed descriptions of and how-tos for several methods of backyard composting.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 Soil Will Save Us**, Kristen Ohlson, Rodale, 2014. The author travels the world to discuss the science, history, and regeneration of soil and its power to fight climate change.

## 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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