



# OUR WATER – OUR WORLD



## Resources for Gardening within the Russian River Watershed

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- **Our Water Our World:** [www.ourwaterourworld.org](http://www.ourwaterourworld.org)  
A statewide eco-friendly pest management program with pest fact sheets & updated lists of less-toxic products.
  - **The Russian River Watershed Association:** [rrwatershed.org](http://rrwatershed.org)  
The Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) is a coalition of ten cities, counties and special districts in the Russian River watershed that have come together to coordinate regional programs for clean water, habitat restoration, and watershed enhancement. RRWA was formed in 2003 to create opportunities for our member agencies to expand their stewardship role in the watershed.
  - **UC Statewide IPM Program:** [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu)  
Identification of pests and weeds; detailed descriptions of pests and management methods.
  - **Sonoma County UC Master Gardeners:** [sonomamg.ucanr.edu/](http://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/)  
Garden education, resources, and demonstration gardens for Sonoma County.
  - **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.
  - **Sonoma-Marin Water Saving Partnership:** [savingwaterpartnership.org](http://savingwaterpartnership.org)  
The Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership offers a variety of programs designed to encourage the use of low water, native, habitat friendly plants in our region. Take a look at the programs below: Water Smart Plant Cards Water Smart Plant Label
  - **California Native Plant Society:** [cnps.org](http://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: [calscape.org](http://calscape.org)
  - **WULCOLS: Water Use Classification of Landscape Species:** [ucanr.edu/sites/WULCOLS](http://ucanr.edu/sites/WULCOLS)  
The WUCOLS project was initiated and funded by the Water Use Efficiency Office of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).
  - **Resilient Landscape Coalition:** [sonomaresilientlandscapes.com](http://sonomaresilientlandscapes.com)  
A resilient landscape is fire-wise, water wise and promotes biodiversity by using California native plants. These gardens use sustainable practices, plant selection, and maintenance to reduce the risk of fire in the defensible space zone.  
Resilient gardens save water, protect us from fire and promote biodiversity.
  - **Bug Guide:** [bugguide.net](http://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](http://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.

## 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.
- **Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates**, Nora Harlow & Saxon Holt, Timber Press, 2020. With gentle and compelling text and stunning photographs of plants in garden settings, *Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates* by Nora Harlow and Saxon Holt is a guide to native and climate-adapted plants for summer-dry, winter-wet climates of North America's Pacific coast.
- **How to Prune Fruit Trees & Roses**, R. Sanford Martin, Echo Point Books & Media, 2013. *How To Prune Fruit Trees and Roses* is an updated and revised version of R Sanford Martin's book *How to Prune Fruit Trees*. Additional content was added by Ken Andersen of Walter Andersen Nursery and the book was republished. In it you will find instructions for planting and pruning many fruit trees, berries, and roses.
- **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.
- **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 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 Disposal Site, Building 5, 500 Mechem Road, Petaluma, 707-565-DESK (3375)



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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