



# OUR WATER — OUR WORLD

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## Helpful Gardening Resources in Solano County

**Our Water Our World:** [www.ourwaterourworld.org](http://www.ourwaterourworld.org)  
Pest fact sheets & updated lists of less-toxic products

**UC Statewide IPM Program:** [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu)  
Identification of pests and weeds; pest notes with descriptions of pests and management methods.

- **Bee Precaution Pesticide Rating:** [www2.ipm.ucanr.edu/bee precaution](http://www2.ipm.ucanr.edu/bee precaution)

**Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District:** [www.fssd.com/](http://www.fssd.com/)  
**Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District:** [www.vallejowastewater.org/SitePages/default.aspx](http://www.vallejowastewater.org/SitePages/default.aspx)  
Information on protecting watersheds and reducing runoff, managing common pests, hiring eco-certified pest controllers and local events.

**Solano County Master Gardeners:** [solanomg.ucanr.edu](http://solanomg.ucanr.edu)  
Garden education, resources, and demonstration gardens for Solano County.

**California Native Plant Society:** [jepson.cnps.org/](http://jepson.cnps.org/)  
Plant recommendations, sources of native plants, and publications aimed at conserving and appreciating native plants.

**Arboretum All Stars:** [arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum-all-stars](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum-all-stars)  
A wonderful plant resource & data base with the focus on a place for the public to learn about climate change and the importance of regionally appropriate landscaping

**Solano County Watering Schedule:** [www.solano.watersavingplants.com/calc/](http://www.solano.watersavingplants.com/calc/)  
The Water Calculator is intended to give you crucial advice on how to set your irrigation controller properly and how to manage it thereafter.

**The Xerces Society:** [xerces.org](http://xerces.org)  
The Xerces Society is a science-based nonprofit organization that protects wildlife through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats.

**Pollinator Partnership:** [pollinator.org](http://pollinator.org), Pollinator Partnership's mission is to promote the health of pollinators, critical to food and ecosystems, through conservation, education, and research.

**10x10+10:** [tenbytenplusten.com](http://tenbytenplusten.com), Across the country, there are grassroots projects transforming the landscape for pollinators. The goal of 10x10+10 is to connect these larger restoration projects to individual habitat contributions.

**National Wildlife Federation:** [nwf.org](http://nwf.org), The National Wildlife Federation Uniting all Americans to ensure wildlife thrive in a rapidly changing world.

**North American Butterfly Association:** [naba.org](http://naba.org), The National Butterfly Center is dedicated to education, conservation, and scientific research on wild butterflies.

**Bay Nature Institute:** baynature.com, Bay Nature connects the people of the San Francisco Bay Area to our natural world and motivates people to solve problems with nature in mind. Our vision is that all people have a close relationship with their natural world.

**Butterflies and Moths of North America:** butterfliesandmoths.org, Butterflies and Moths of North America (BAMONA) is an ambitious effort to collect, store, and share species information and occurrence data. You can participate by taking and submitting photographs of butterflies, moths, and caterpillars.

**OMRI – Organic Materials Review Institute:** omri.org, OMRI supports organic integrity by developing clear information and guidance about materials, so that producers know which products are appropriate for organic operations. OMRI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides an independent review of products, such as fertilizers, pest controls, livestock health care products, and numerous other inputs that are intended for use in certified organic production and processing.

**National Pesticide Information Center:** npic.orst.edu  
NPIC provides objective, science-based information pesticides and pest related topics to enable people to make informed decisions. Find the Natural Enemies Quick List at this website.

**Bug Guide:** bugguide.net

This online community is a fantastic resource to help you identify insects, spiders, and other related creatures

#### **Rebate!**

**City of Fairfield:** [www.fairfield.ca.gov/gov/depts/pw/utility/water/water\\_conservation/default.asp](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/gov/depts/pw/utility/water/water_conservation/default.asp)

**City of Vallejo:** [www.cityofvallejo.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=13506&pageId=23562](http://www.cityofvallejo.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=13506&pageId=23562)

**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.

#### **PESTICIDE DISPOSAL: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites:**

[www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/household\\_hazardous\\_waste.asp](http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/household_hazardous_waste.asp)

- Fairfield, Suisun, & Unincorporated Areas: Solano Garbage Company, 2901 Industrial Court, Fairfield (707) 437-8901
- Vallejo: Vallejo-Napa Household Hazardous Waste Facility 889A Devlin Rd, American Canyon (707) 259-8608 or (800) 984-9661

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## **BOOKS**

- **California Bees & Blooms, A Guide for Gardeners and Naturalist**, Gordan W. Frankie, Robbin W. Thorp, Rollin E. Coville, and Barbara Ertter, Heyday Books, 2014. This guidebook by the state's preeminent bee & botany experts provides an up-close view of humming, buzzing creatures that shape entire ecosystems.
- **The Bees in Your Backyard**, Joseph S. Wilson & Olivia Messinger Carril, Princeton University Press, 2016. This book provides an engaging introduction to the roughly 4,000 different bee species found in the United States and Canada, dispelling common myths about bees while offering essential tips for telling them apart.

- **Gardening for Butterflies**, The Xerces Society, Timber Press, 2016. This beautiful book introduces you to a variety of butterflies who need our help, and provides suggestions for native plants to attract them, habitat design to help them thrive.
- **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.
- **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.

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.

Please visit our website at:

**[www.ourwaterourworld.org](http://www.ourwaterourworld.org)**