

Local & Reliable Resources for First-Time Gardeners

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Tip #1 – Get to Know Your Site

Tip #2 – Build Healthy Soil

Soil test information, email WSU Master Gardeners:ask-a-mastergardener@live.com

Tip #3 – Select Plants that will Thrive

The Plant List.....www.savingwater.org, Lawn & Garden

Rain Garden Handbook of Western Washington.....
.....<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1310027.pdf>

King County Native Plant Guide www.kingcounty.gov, Native Plant Guide

Bellevue Botanical Garden www.bellevuebotanical.org, Collections Search

Great Plant Picks..... www.greatplantpicks.org, Plant Lists

Tip #4 – Start Plants Right Tip

#5 – Cover Bare Soil

Mulch – *fully cover the soil with a layer of not-yet-fully-decomposed organic matter*

Areas with	Best mulch types to use (proper depth)	
shrubs, trees	woodchips (3 to 4")	leaves (2 to 3")
ferns, perennials, bulbs	leaves (2 to 3")	coarse compost (1 to 2")
vegetables	straw (1 to 1.5")	coarse compost (1 to 1.5")

Wood Chips – sign up to receive an entire load FREE*: www.chipdrop.com

** can move up on the wait list by opting to pay a nominal amount*

Tip #6 – Practice Smart Watering

Resources – local & reliable

Garden Hotlinehelp@gardenhotline.org, (206) 633-0224, www.gardenhotline.org

Least -hazardous garden products (interactive website) www.GrowSmartGrowSafe.org

Local nurseries..... www.wsnla.org

Tilth Alliance (edible gardening)..... www.tilthalliance.org

Find an ecoPRO Sustainable Landscape Professional www.ecoprocertified.org

How to Choose a Landscape Professional.....
..... <http://savingwater.org/LawnGarden/ChoosingaNurseryorLandscape/index.htm>

Cascade Water Alliance..... www.cascadewater.org

Books for Gardening West of the Cascades

Grow Your Own Native Landscape, [Washington State University Extension Publications](http://WashingtonStateUniversityExtensionPublications.com), MISC0273

Landscaping for Wildlife, Russell Link

Maritime Northwest Garden Guide, Seattle Tilth (edible gardening)

Pacific Northwest Month-by-Month Gardening, Christina Pfeiffer