

Learn more about Natural Yard Care

Questions?

Contact the Garden Hotline



www.gardenhotline.org



206-633-0224



help@gardenhotline.org

Resources

Soil and composting (*King County*)
www.kingcounty.gov/soils

Yard and garden topics (*King County*)
www.kingcounty.gov/natural-yard

Choosing safer gardening products
(*Grow Smart, Grow Safe*)
www.growsmartgrowsafe.org

Water conservation, indoors & outdoors
(*Saving Water Partnership*)
www.savingwater.org

Washington State University Master Gardener info
206-296-3440
www.gardening.wsu.edu

Less toxic gardening and pest control
(*Local Hazardous Waste Management Program*)
www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house

Choosing the right plant for the right place
www.greatplantpicks.org

Native plant information
www.kingcounty.gov/gonative

Brochures

Available through the Garden Hotline or on websites to the left include:

Natural lawn & garden guides

- Growing Healthy Soil
- Choosing the Right Plants
- Smart Watering
- Natural Pest, Weed & Disease Control
- Composting at Home
- Natural Lawn Care

Other publications

- How to Choose a Landscape Company
- How to be a Salmon-Friendly Gardener
- Four Reasons to Kick the Weed and Feed Habit
- Natural Yard Care Buyer's Guide
- Worm Bins - How to Compost



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Five steps to Natural Yard Care

1. Build healthy soil

Add compost, use mulch, and use organic fertilizers.

2. Plant right for your site

Know your yard (the sun, shade, wet and dry areas), choose plants wisely, and group plants with similar needs.

3. Practice smart watering

Water infrequently but deeply, let the rain soak in, and keep your irrigation system in top shape.

4. Think twice before using pesticides

Start with prevention and healthy plants, be willing to accept a little damage and a few weeds, use least-toxic products, and avoid weed and feed and other combo products with pesticides.

5. Practice natural lawn care

Mow higher and leave the clippings, and improve poor lawns with aeration, overseeding, and top-dressing with compost.