



Water Conservation & Gardening

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READ

Bainbridge, D. A. (2016). [*Gardening with Less Water: Low-Tech, Low-Cost Techniques for Using up to 90% Less Water in Your Garden.*](#) Pownal, MA: Storey.

Are you facing drought or water shortages? *Gardening with Less Water* offers simple, inexpensive, low-tech techniques for watering your garden much more efficiently—using up to 90% less water for the same results. With illustrated step-by-step instructions, David Bainbridge shows you how to install buried clay pots and pipes, wicking systems, and other porous containers that deliver water directly to a plant's roots with no or minimal evaporation. These systems are available at hardware stores and garden centers; are easy to set up and use; and work for garden beds, container gardens, and trees.

Penick, P. (2016). [*The Water-Saving Garden.*](#) Berkeley, CA: Ten Speed Press.

The Water-Saving Garden provides gardeners and homeowners with a diverse array of techniques and inspiration for creating outdoor spaces that are so beautiful and inviting, it's hard to believe they are water-thrifty. Including a directory of 100 plants appropriate for a variety of drought-prone regions of the country, this accessible and contemporary guide is full of must-know information on popular gardening topics like native and drought-tolerant plants, rainwater harvesting, greywater systems, permeable paving, and more.

Kruckeberg, Arthur R. and Chalker-Scott, Linda (2019). [*Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest.*](#) Seattle, WA. University of Washington Press.

The Pacific Northwest abounds with native plants that bring beauty to the home garden while offering food and shelter to birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife.

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WATCH

The Great Courses: The Science of Gardening. Professor Linda Chalker-Scott. Chantilly, VA.: The Teaching Company, 2018. DVD.

https://sclد.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default/search/results?qu=science+of+gardening+chalker-scott&te=

When scientists examine home gardens and landscapes, one fact stands out: The leading cause of landscape failure is not disease and it's not pests—it's our own gardening practices. The Science of Gardening will help you create a beautiful and sustainable home garden guided by the newest information from applied plant physiology, biology, soils science, climatology, hydrology, chemistry, and ecology. From choosing and purchasing your trees and shrubs, to giving them the best start in your garden, to healthy maintenance and pest control, award-winning horticulturist Linda Chalker-Scott of Washington State University shows why science-based decisions are always best for your home garden and also the most ecologically sound for the greater environment. (Review from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))

LISTEN

"Earth Week – Water Wise Spokane". *Spokane City*, 27 April 2020.

<https://vimeo.com/412520424>

Take a tour of the Spokane water system from the ground up, and get a closer look at how we use water. This video goes over some simple water saving ideas.

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