Recommended Gardening Books

Topic	Title and Author	Where to Buy
Text book for Master Gardener training course	The California Master Gardener Handbook, by D. Pittinger	U.C. DANR 1-800-994-8849 http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu
Landscaping with drought- tolerant plants	Water Conserving Plants and Landscapes for the Bay Area, 2 nd Edition	EBMUD 510-287-1630 www.ebmud.com
Pest management in the garden	The Sunset Western Garden Problem Solver, Editors of Sunset Books and Magazine	widely available in bookstores www.amazon.com
Pest management in the garden	Garden Pests and Diseases, Sunset Books and Magazine	www.amazon.com other online booksellers
Rose care and rose pest management	Healthy Roses: Environmentally Friendly Ways to Manage Pests and Disorders in Your Garden and Landscape by Mary Louise Flint and John F. Karlik	U.C. DANR 1-800-994-8849 http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu
Pest management in the garden and home	Common Sense Pest Control by William Olkowski, Sheila Daar, and Helga Olkowski	The Taunton Press 1-800-926-8776 www.taunton.com
Pest management in the garden	Gardener's Guide to Common Sense Pest Control by William Olkowski, Sheila Daar, and Helga Olkowski	The Taunton Press 1-800-926-8776 www.taunton.com
Pest identification and management	Pests of the West, 2 nd Ed., by Whitney Cranshaw	Fulcrum Publishing 1-800-992-2908 www.fulcrum-books.com
Pest management in the garden	Rodale's Successful Organic Gardening: Controlling Pests and Diseases by Patricia S. Michalak	www.amazon.com other online booksellers
Pest management in the garden	Pests of the Garden and Small Farm (Publication #3332) by Mary Louise Flint	U.C. DANR 1-800-994-8849 http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu
Pest management for trees and shrubs	Pests of Landscape Trees and Shrubs (Publication #3359) by Steve H. Dreistadt	U.C. DANR 1-800-994-8849 http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu
Selecting trees and shrubs for Bay Area gardens	Trees and Shrubs for Temperate Climates, 3 rd Edition, by Gordon Courtright	www.amazon.com other online booksellers
Identifying and encouraging beneficial insects	Good Bugs for Your Garden by Allison Mia Starcher	www.amazon.com other online booksellers
Identifying beneficial insects	Natural Enemies Handbook by Mary Louise Flint and Steve H. Dreistadt	U.C. DANR 1-800-994-8849 http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu
Pest and beneficial insect identification	California Insects by Jerry Powell and Charles Hogue	U.C. Press 1-800-777-4726 www.ucpress.edu
Soils and soil types; improving soil	The Best of Fine Gardening: Healthy Soil, Editors of Fine Gardening magazine	The Taunton Press 1-800-926-8776 www.taunton.com
Pest management for lawns	Turfgrass Pests (Publication # 4053) by A.D. Ali and Clyde L. Elmore	U.C. DANR 1-800-994-8849 http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu
Pest management for lawns	U.C. IPM Pest Management Guidelines: Turfgrass (Publication #3365-T, edited by Mary Louise Flint	U.C. DANR 1-800-994-8849 http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu
Less toxic lawn care	The Chemical-Free Lawn by Warren Schultz	www.amazon.com other online booksellers

Websites and Other Resources

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Topic	Resource	How to Contact
Healthy gardening	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District	www.centralsan.org
Gardening advice from Master Gardeners	Master Gardeners Help Desk Master Gardeners Website	(925) 646-6586 M – F, 9:00 AM to Noon http://ccmg.ucdavis.edu
Weeds	U.C. Davis IPM Weed Page (photos)	www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/weeds_common.html#A
Fruit and nut trees	U.C. Davis Fruit & Nut Research and Info California Rare Fruit Growers The California Backyard Orchard	http://fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu/ www.crfg.org http://homeorchard.ucdavis.edu
Composting	Central C. C. Solid Waste Authority Cornell University composting brochure California Integrated Waste Mgmt Board	www.wastediversion.org http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/compostbrochure.pdf www.ciwmb.ca.gov/organics/HomeCompost/
Composting workshops	Home composting & grasscycling information line	(925) 906-1806 www.wastediversion.org
Pesticides	Extension Toxicology Network National Pesticide Information Center	http://extoxnet.orst.edu/ http://npic.orst.edu/
Lawns	U.C. Davis Guide to Healthy Lawns	www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/TOOLS/TURF/index.html
Pests and pest management (IPM)	U.C. Pest Notes – fact sheets to print or download on a wide variety of pests	www.ipm.ucdavis.edu
Native plants	California Native Plant Society Bringing Back the Natives Plant Tour CalFlora Database of California plants	www.cnps.org www.bringingbackthenatives.net www.calflora.org
Water & irrigation systems	Contra Costa Water District	(925) 688-8000 www.ccwater.com
Invasive plants	California Invasive Plant Council	www.cal-ipc.org
Pest management	Bio-Integral Resources Center (BIRC)	(510) 524-2567 www.birc.org
Plant diseases	U.C. Berkeley Botanical Garden – Dr. Raabe's Plant Disease Diagnosis Clinic	Free plant disease clinic 1st Saturday of every month; call (510) 643-2755 for more information
Yellowjacket nest removal (in ground)	Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District	(925) 685-9301 www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us
Ants - identification	U.C. IPM Key to Identifying Common Household Ants	www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/TOOLS/ANTKEY/
Beneficial insects	U.C. IPM Natural Enemies Gallery	www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/NE/index.html
Mosquitos	Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District (free information and mosquitoeating fish for backyard ponds)	(925) 685-9301 155 Mason Circle, Concord (M-F, 8:00 – 4:30) www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us