

# CARBON GARDENING

SEQUESTERING CARBON IN YOUR SOIL FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

*How you can make your garden a*  
**CARBON GARDEN!**

## **NURTURE YOUR SOIL**

**KEEP BARE SOIL COVERED, AND  
APPLY COMPOST AND MULCH**

## **PICK YOUR PLANTS**

**CHOOSE NATIVE PLANTS AND GO  
FOR VARIETY IN YOUR GARDEN**

## **WATER WISELY**

**AVOID WATERING TOO MUCH OR TOO  
LITTLE, AND GROUP PLANTS BY  
WATERING NEEDS**

## **GO NATURAL**

**DITCH SYNTHETIC FERTILIZERS AND  
PESTICIDES FOR NATURAL  
ALTERNATIVES**

## **CLOSE THE LOOPS**

**MAKE HOMEMADE COMPOST, AND  
ENJOY FRUITS AND VEGGIES FROM  
YOUR OWN GARDEN**

Need more help getting started? For tips, tricks, and resources on how to carbon garden, visit:

[www.rrwatershed.org/rrflg](http://www.rrwatershed.org/rrflg)  
[www.dailyacts.org/savewater](http://www.dailyacts.org/savewater)  
<https://ourwaterourworld.org>



# TIPS FOR A GREAT GARDEN IN THE RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED!

**Need more mulch or compost?** Look for compost giveaways from your local town or city!

Sonoma County residents: <https://zerowastesonoma.gov/resources/compost-giveaways>

Mendocino County residents: Contact [slovutj@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:slovutj@mendocinocounty.gov) to learn about annual giveaways to small farms and community gardens

**Not sure what to plant?** Look for California natives! Whether you want some flowers, shrubs, grasses, or trees, there's a California native that could fit the bill!

RRWA's Russian River Friendly Plants Flyer:  
[https://www.rrwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/RRWA\\_River-Friendly-Plants\\_FINAL\\_Text-Updated-05-2023\\_small.pdf](https://www.rrwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/RRWA_River-Friendly-Plants_FINAL_Text-Updated-05-2023_small.pdf)

Need more ideas? Check out The University of California's Master Gardener Program:  
[https://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Recommended\\_Plants\\_for\\_Sonoma\\_County/California\\_Natives/](https://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Recommended_Plants_for_Sonoma_County/California_Natives/)

**Dealing with garden pests or diseases?** Consider using Integrated Pest Management - Our Water Our World helps you find watershed friendly pesticides and other plant treatments!

For products and store locations: <https://ourwaterourworld.org>

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Plus even more at:  
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