



Brooklyn Botanic Garden Record, Plants and Gardens Series, \$6.95. The books have an organic and environmental slant. Many include articles by different authors.

Easy-Care Roses: Low Maintenance Charmers

The Environmental Gardener

Gardening with Wildflowers and Native Plants

Natural Insect Control: The Ecological Gardener's Guide to Foiling Insects

The Natural Lawn and Alternatives

Stu Campbell, ***The Mulch Book: A Complete Guide for Gardeners***, Storey Publishing, Vermont, 1991, \$9.95. How to get your plants started and surviving without chemicals and which mulches to use, where, and when.

Stevie Daniels, ***The Wild Lawn Handbook: Alternatives to the Traditional Front Lawn***, Macmillan Publishing, 1995, \$20.00. The former editor of *Organic Gardening* magazine provides a step-by-step guide for creating an alternative to the traditional English lawn. She shows how to use native plants, lowering water and fertilizer use. Beautiful photos. Useful sources are included for seeds, plants, and equipment.

Joe Eck and Wayne Winterrowd, ***A Year at North Hill: Four Seasons in a Vermont Garden***, An Owl Book, Henry Holt and Company, New York, 1995, \$19.95. After just a few pages of color photography and poetic prose, your gardener may take off for Vermont and never return. The authors describe the creation and maintenance of their garden and how they keep their twenty-four acres chemical-free.

Barbara W. Ellis and Fern Marshall Bradley, editors, ***The Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control: A Complete Problem-Solving Guide to Keeping Your Garden & Yard Healthy without Chemicals***, Rodale Press, Inc., 1992, \$27.95. This is clearly organized into sections by plants, insects (friends and foes), diseases and organic control. Problems are diagnosed and solutions given.

Midge Ellis Keeble, ***Tottering in My Garden: A Gardener's Memoir***, Camden House Publishing, Canada, 1994, \$9.95. A delightful and funny narrative of the author's experiences with her own garden. "With notes for the novice," it is full of tips on developing healthy soil, the basis by which plants will thrive without pesticides.

Peter Loewer, ***Tough Plants for Tough Places***, Rodale Press, Emmaus, Pennsylvania, 1992, \$15.95. Choosing plants that are appropriate for the climate and the garden environment can eliminate the need for artificial fertilizers and pesticides. The alphabetic section on the author's favorites is unusually informative about each plant's needs and quirks. Interesting etymologies of common and Latin names.

Michael MacCaskey, ***Gardening for Dummies***, IDG Books Worldwide, Inc., 1996, \$16.99. By the same people who brought us computer books for Dummies. Very well-organized, clear, and full of information on how to avoid chemicals.

Tovah Martin, ***Tasha Tudor's Garden***, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, New York, 1994, \$35.00. Tasha Tudor is a renowned illustrator of children's books. She has kept herself firmly in the previous centuries, before heavy machinery and chemical gardening. The photographs are so stunningly lush that the book is worth the purchase for the pictures alone.

Anne Simon Moffat, Marc Shiller, and the staff of Green Living, ***Energy Efficient and Environmental Landscaping: Cut Your Utility Bills By Up to 30 Percent and Create a Natural, Healthy Yard***, Appropriate Solutions Press, Vermont, 1994, \$19.95. The problem with lawns, as the authors see it, is the chemicals and excessive watering. They tell you how to do it differently -- how to have your lawn and green it too.

Rodale's Successful Organic Gardening Series. Even in the early 70's, Rodale Press was being cited as a major source for information on organic gardening. All their materials are well-organized, very informative, and illustrated with high quality color photos. ***Annuals and Bulbs***, Rob Proctor, 1995, \$24.95; ***Herbs***, Patricia S. Michalak, 1993, \$24.95; ***Perennials***, Susan McClure, 1993, \$24.95.

Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Perennials, by Ellen Phillips and C. Colston Burrell, 1993, \$27.95. An excellent monthly calendar of gardening tasks and a beautifully photographed encyclopedia of perennials.

Rodale's Landscape Problem Solver: A Plant-by-Plant Guide, by Jeff and Liz Ball, 1989, \$27.95. How to manage the landscape so that one doesn't get pests, and what to do if (and when) one gets them. (Trees, shrubs, roses, ground cover, vines, plants for foliage, and lawns.)



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Warren Schultz, *The Chemical-Free Lawn: The Newest Varieties and Techniques to Grow Lush, Hardy Grass (No Pesticides, No Herbicides, No Chemical Fertilizers)*, Rodale Press, Emmaus, Pennsylvania, 1989, \$14.95. A step-by-step program for growing a low-maintenance lawn without chemicals. Includes nitty-gritty details, mowing and watering guidelines, charts, and checklists. Illustrations identify grasses, insects and weeds.

Laurence Sombke, *Beautiful, Easy Lawns and Landscapes: A Year Round Guide to a Low Maintenance, Environmentally Safe Yard*, The Globe Pequot Press, Connecticut, 1994, \$16.95. This how-to book gives step-by-step directions for growing a beautiful lawn and landscape without poisoning people and the planet.

Shepherd's Purse, Organic Pest Control Handbook: For Home and Garden, Pest Publications, Tennessee, 1992, \$9.95. Large colored drawings illustrate pest nightmares and the text explains what to do without resorting to artificial pesticides. "Control" of pests is defined as "maintaining pest populations within a tolerable range...not...elimination or eradication..."

Roger B. Swain, *Groundwork: A Gardener's Ecology*, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1994, \$10.95. The author is a Newton resident, botanical expert of the Victory Garden, and Science Editor of *Horticultural Magazine*. He describes his switch to organic gardening in a common sense and amusing narrative.

Taylor's Guide to Gardening Techniques: The Complete Guide to Planning, Planting, and Caring for Your Garden, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1991, \$18.95. Each topic of the unmanageably huge *Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening* packaged in 4-inch wide volumes, allowing you to save your strength for gardening.



Fine Gardening, The Taunton Press, Inc., CT, 800/283-7252, \$30.00 (6 issues).

Garden Gate: The Illustrated Guide to Home Gardening and Design, August Home Publishing Co., IA, 800/341-4769, \$19.95 (6 issues).

Horticultural Magazine, Boston, MA, 800/234-2415, \$26.00 (10 issues).

Organic Gardening, Rodale Press, Inc., PA, 800/666-2206, \$16.97 (9 issues).



The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Jamaica Plains, Boston, 617/524-1718. Emphasis on trees, shrubs and perennials; newsletter; courses offered.

Green Decade Coalition/Newton, 474 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02158, 617/965-1995: parent organization of GreenCAP; newsletter; \$19.96.

The Newton Conservators, P.O. Box 11, Newton Centre, MA 02159; newsletter, \$10.00.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society, 208 South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 02773, 617/259-9599; Individual and family memberships, family and school programs, *Sanctuary* magazine, etc.

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