



Garden Basics Resource List

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Soil Basics

Soil testing:

King Conservation District <http://kingcd.org/>

University of Massachusetts <http://www.umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest/> (includes pH, nutrients and some heavy metals)

For a list of local companies, contact the Garden Hotline at Seattle Tilth:

<http://www.gardenhotline.org/>

Mulch, compost sources:

Find Chicken-n-Chips here: <http://www.dejongss.com/home/>

Cedar Grove Compost – calculate how much you need: <http://www.cedar-grove.com/>

Manure share: http://www.kingcd.org/pdf/pro_far_man_1.pdf (If that link doesn't work, go to www.kingcd.org and search "manure share.")

How to compost: classes from Seattle Tilth (<http://www.seattletilth.org/>)

Planting Basics

From the International Society for Arboriculture: Treesaregood.org

Texas A&M has a useful bulletin on planting: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/landscape/tree/planting.html>

Plant Basics

Where to find all those fabulous plants:

Great Plant Picks: <http://greatplantpicks.org/>

The Plant List:

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Yard/Natural Lawn & Garden Care/Choosing the Right Plants/index.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Yard/Natural_Lawn_&_Garden_Care/Choosing_the_Right_Plants/index.asp)

Seattle street trees, a useful list for any part of the garden:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>

Local plant sales offer us a fabulous selection and make money for worthy organizations.

Find the ever-growing list at: <http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/calendar/sales.php>

Water Basics

Seattle Public Utilities "Smart Watering" plus many other handy brochures:

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Yard/Natural Lawn & Garden Care/index.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Yard/Natural_Lawn_&_Garden_Care/index.asp)

Seattle Public Utilities rainwater harvesting information:

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Yard/Natural Lawn & Garden Care/Rain Water Harvesting/index.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Yard/Natural_Lawn_&_Garden_Care/Rain_Water_Harvesting/index.asp)

Mark the Pond Guy's rainwater harvest system: <http://www.markthepondguy.com/>



Where do I go from here?

Don't want to do it all yourself? Then hire a garden designer for all or part of the process. Get a recommendation from a friend or contact one of these organizations:

Plant Amnesty Gardener Referral: <http://plantamnesty.org/>

Association of Professional Landscape Designers: <http://apldwa.org/>

Washington Association of Landscape Professionals: <http://walp.org/>

Be inspired:

- Bellevue Botanical Garden: <http://bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Bloedel Reserve, Bainbridge Island: <http://www.bloedelreserve.org/>
- Dunn Gardens, Seattle: <http://dunngardens.org/>
- Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden, Shoreline: <http://www.millergarden.org/>
- Lakewold Gardens, Lakewood: <http://lakewoldgardens.org/>
- Manito Park, Spokane: <http://www.manitopark.org/>
- Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, Federal Way:
<http://www.rhodygarden.org>
- VanDusen Botanical Garden, Vancouver, B.C.:
<http://vancouver.ca/PARKS/parks/vandusen/website/>

Find the current schedule of local garden tours at the Miller Library's Web site:

<http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/calendar/tours.php>