INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem. Pesticides, on the other hand, infiltrate into ground water, contaminate drinking supplies, and severely harm downstream ecosystems. Adopt Integrated Pest Management, an ecosystem-based strategy that works with nature. Some techniques include encouraging natural predators, reducing over-watering that may lead to funguses and root disease, and using physical or mechanical controls rather than poisons. Learn more at ipm.ucanr.edu.

EARTHWORM CASTINGS

Consider amending your soil with earthworm castings. As worms move through soil, they leave behind highly nutrient castings with a myriad of benefits for your soil and plants. These benefits include better water absorption, microbial growth that helps fights off plant diseases and, best of all, healthier soil that stimulates plant growth. Simply visit a nearby hardware store or nursery to pick-up a bag of this material. Once at home, apply the castings right on top of your existing lawn and around the base of plants, and soak a few times with water.

FERTILIZERS

Instead of applying traditional fertilizers, use compost or manure. Compost is a natural form of soil amendment that contains many nutrients needed for your garden. If you must use fertilizers, choose organic instead of traditional inorganic or synthetic fertilizers.

MOWER HEIGHT

Set your mower height to at least three inches. Tall grass slows the rate of runoff and will produce a deeper and denser root system. Denser roots will absorb more water, reducing lawn runoff and preventing erosion.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Retain grass clippings on-site. These clippings provide important nutrients for your lawn and create an organic layer on the soil to encourage stormwater infiltration. Do not blow or sweep them on to a street or into the storm drains—the clippings directly flow to local streams, where they decompose and act as major pollutants by increasing nitrogen to unsafe levels for fish and other aquatic life.

EARTHY DAY AND SPRING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

This free Zero Waste event will feature vendors of locally made arts, crafts, and food. There will be interactive activities such as egg hunts, free raffle prizes, food trucks and much more!

Please join our celebration on:
Saturday, April 20th from 10am to 2pm at Bryte Park, 425 Todhunter Avenue - NEW LOCATION.

For more information, visit: WestSacRecycles.org or call (916) 617-4590.
Q: How do I dispose of bulky items that are too large to fit in my curbside carts?

A: Residents may schedule two (2) bulky waste collection appointments per year, between July 1 and June 30, at no additional cost. Eligible items include furniture, mattresses/box springs, electronics, tires (limit of 4), rugs, and small and large appliances. Some limits apply. Call Waste Management at (866) 844-1508 or visit SacramentoValley.WM.com to schedule a bulky waste collection appointment.