California Master Gardener Handbook, 2nd Edition

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Since it was first published in 2002, the California Master Gardener Handbook has been the definitive guide to best practices and advice for gardeners throughout the West. Now the much-anticipated 2nd Edition to the Handbook is here -- completely redesigned, with updated tables, graphics, and color photos throughout. Whether you’re a beginner double digging your first bed or a University of California Master Gardener, this handbook will be your go-to source for the practical, science-based information you need to sustainably maintain your landscape and garden and become an effective problem solver. Inside are updates to the technical information found in each chapter, reorganization of information for better ease of use, and new content on important emerging topics. Chapters cover soil, fertilizer, and water management, plant propagation, plant physiology; weeds and pests; home vegetable gardening; specific garden crops including grapes, berries temperate fruits and nuts, citrus, and avocados. Also included is information on lawns, woody landscape plants, landscape design and developing problem-solving skills. New to the 2nd Edition is information on invasive plants and principles of designing and maintaining landscapes for fire protection. Useful conversions for many units of measure found in the Handbook or needed in caring for gardens and landscapes are located in Appendix A. A glossary of important technical terms used and an extensive index round out the book.

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Great deal on this book which usually sells for more. The book is very large and informative on all garden subjects from soils to pest identification and management to fruits and vegetables. Whether or not you intend to pursue the Master Gardener program, this book is chock full of information.
I am a home gardener with a serious passion for gardening. I got the book to help guide me through vegetable gardening and landscape plant care for our Napa home. I am so impressed with the depth of knowledge provided in this book. I have already recommended this second addition to many gardening friends. It is a MUST for a gardeners bookshelf.

If you're an aspiring California gardner like me, and have a background/appreciation for the biology of plants, you'll love this book! It's a little intimidating at first, but the more you relax and just take it in small bites, you'll find it's dense full of information about plant care. It feels kind of like your highschool biology book at times and then also dives into more hands on techniques in other parts. It's a fun read full of information, not so much of a "how to garden" book. Hope this helps!

I got this book in my training to become a master gardener. It was a good deal. You get this book and several months of training for only $100. It's a great resource. Anyone who lives in California and does any amount of gardening should have a copy. It has a great deal of the information you will need to know. If you love gardening you should consider becoming a master gardener, It is a good way to back to your community.

Very dense, will use as reference, not a lot of photos or ideas for plants.

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UC material, very nice recycled/usedbook, cheap and delivered quick, cannot ask for more value.

It was a gift to my son who is just becoming a gardener. He's happy with the book thus far.

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