

## **Video Categories for 2020 Garden Hotline Video Contest – Topic Suggestions in Categories**

### **Growing Healthy Soil**

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/growinghe\\_200311261701557.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/growinghe_200311261701557.pdf)

- Enrich Soil Before Planting – Amending Soil
- Mulch Your Plantings – Mulching
- Fertilize Moderately and Responsibly – Slow Release and Organic Fertilizing

### **Choosing the Right Plants**

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/choosingt\\_200311261701525.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/choosingt_200311261701525.pdf)

- Get to Know Your Site – Garden Site Assessment
- Dream a Garden – How Do You Want to Use Your Garden?
- Create a Plan to Fit Your Site – Garden Mapping
- Give Plants a Good Start – Healthy Soil, Right Plant, Right Place and Mulch and Water Needs

### **Smart Watering**

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/smartwat\\_200311261701453.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/smartwat_200311261701453.pdf)

- Water Wise Preparation – Healthy Soil, Group Like Plants, Plant Lawns Appropriately, Assess Irrigation System
- Make Every Drop Count – Mulch, Repair Leaks, Water Deeply, Timing of Watering, Efficient Systems – Drip and Soaker Hoses
- How Often and How Much to Water – How To Check For Water, Testing Output on Sprinklers and Hoses, Watering the Root Zones

### **Natural Pest, Weed and Disease Control**

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/naturalpe\\_200311261701589.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/naturalpe_200311261701589.pdf)

- Create a Healthy Garden – Prevention of Problems – build healthy soil, plant right, plant spacing, water wisely, clean up issues, diversify plantings
- Intervention – Treatment of Problems – Identify Pests, Use Physical Controls First, Use Least Toxic Pesticides First, Use Synthetic Pesticides as a Last Resort
- Weed Management – Tolerance, Prevention, Physical Controls, Least Toxic Controls, Spot Apply Synthetic Herbicides

### **Composting at Home**

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/spu01\\_001989.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/spu01_001989.pdf)

- Choose the Best Composting System – Yard or Food? What style bin or pile?
- What Can Be Put Into a Home Compost System? – inputs for yard or food waste composting systems.
- Secrets For Successful Yard Waste Composting - Balanced Diet, Bite Sized Pieces, Moisture, Fresh Air, Pile Size, Preventing Pests and Other Problems
- Steps to Successful Food Waste Composting – Burying food waste, food digesters, worm bins

- Food Web of a Compost Pile – Yard or Food
- Worm Bin Composting – A to Z
- Uses For Compost

### **Growing Food in Your Garden**

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/02\\_013331.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@conservation/documents/webcontent/02_013331.pdf)

- Starting Your Garden – Site Assessment
- Soil Building for the Edible Garden – Urban Area Concerns and Needs
- Small Space Growing in Urban Places – Considerations for Urban Areas
- Planting Timing and Planning – Planting Calendar, Succession Sowing, Crop Rotation, Thinning Plants
- Year Round Gardening – Maritime Northwest Gardening, Cloches and Cold Frames, Season Extension
- Harvesting – Timing, Seed Saving Preparation, Donation of Food, Storing Produce
- Putting the Garden to Bed – Fall Soil Building Practices and Overwintering Crops

### **Love Food, Stop Waste**

<https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/protecting-our-environment/sustainability-tips/waste-prevention/at-home/stop-food-waste>

- Buy only what you need
- Eat fresh, local food
- Store food to stay fresh longer
- Love your leftovers
- Help your community