

# THE BAY-FRIENDLY YARD & GARDEN

What you do in your yard and garden has a big impact on the bay.

Our yards can be great places to reconnect with the outdoors. But have you thought about how your yard interacts with wildlife? Some products used to keep landscape plants looking lush can be harmful to the natural environment. Luckily, there are ways to keep your yard beautiful while being a good steward of the estuary.

## Great Garden Ideas:

- 1 Use mulch** to smother weeds and reduce watering needs . . . page 22
- 2 Avoid broad spectrum pesticides**, instead ID a pest before treating the problem . . . . . page 21
- 3 Pull weeds before they go to seed** and avoid herbicides that can wash into creeks and the bay . . . page 21
- 4 Compost** green waste and enrich your soil with this natural fertilizer . . . . . page 19
- 5 Plant native plants** that resist pests and don't need lots of water or fertilizer . . . . . page 23-25
- 6 Sweep your paths and driveway** instead of using the hose to save water . . . . page 7

