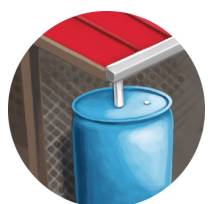


SPRING ECOLOGICAL GARDENING



Rainwater Collection

PREPARE FOR SUMMER DROUGHT + SAVE ON YOUR WATER BILL

- A simple rain barrel system is easy to assemble and provides much-needed water in the summer months.
- Use drip irrigation to minimize water use and waste.



No-Till Gardening

RESTORE SOIL HEALTH + BOOST CARBON STORAGE WITH LOW-TILL AND NO-TILL METHODS:

- **Broadforking** aerates without tillage.
- **Tarping** kills weeds and cover crops.
- **Double-digging** breaks up heavy soil.
- **Sheet mulching** and **hügelkultur** build deep organic matter.



Sustainable Lawn Care

HEALTHY LAWNS FEED BENEFICIAL INSECTS + STORE MORE CARBON!

- Establish different mowing zones: paths, lawn, and some to return to meadow.
- Every 2 weeks, mow to 4" for maximum root growth and nutrition. Wildflowers can then bloom and provide nectar for beneficial insects.
- Leave grass clippings to decompose and cycle nutrients back to the lawn.

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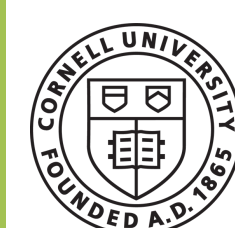
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