



Evergreen Garden Club

# WILD IRIS



JUNE 2017

Dear Gardeners,

Summer is around the corner, but I'm not sure where that corner is. I'm finishing up my first year as your President. It has been an exciting year and I sure have learned a lot!

The programs presented by Lindy Doty have been fun and educational; from the lavender to the high-altitude gardening by Louise Heern. The hospitality group led by Annell Hoy provided tasty treats for each meeting. There were also clever centerpieces for the table.

The public gardens have done well, despite the trucks, the hail, and the wildlife. In April, Jennifer Mc Garth's Girl Scout troop helped plant Johnny jump up's in the Dam garden. The club participated in community events such as; Thistle Do, pulling the thistle from the Evergreen Lake area; Earth Day at the Lake House: Walking in the Rodeo Parade; and donating soups and corn bread at the Holiday Party.

Looking ahead to June, don't forget to pay your dues to Jane Wingquist; bring any plants that you have divided to the June meeting, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The program will be on grasses. I hope to see you there.

Joan



**NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY  
JUNE 13, 2017**

**BERGEN PARK FIRE  
HOUSE**

**9:00 a.m. Social  
9:30 a.m. Meeting**

**THE PROGRAM FOR JUNE**

***GRASSES!***

**Roxanne Norris, from Tagawa's Garden Center will be our speaker.**

**She will talk about grass varieties that do well at our higher altitudes and will have examples to show us.**

## Evergreen Garden Club May 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Joan Evashevski at 9:30 a.m. Present were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lindy Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Annell Hoy, Secretary, Gloria Owens; Absent Jane Wingquist and Linda Berteau. New Members Bethany Chamberlain and Marnie Chisholm were introduced.

**Announcements:** The Butterfly Pavilion will have an event called Bloomapalooza on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 5. Events include garden safaris, pollinator plant sale, plant petting zoo and much more. Our Founding gardener, Louise Mounsey needs a live-in caregiver. Joan also recommended members call Louise as she misses the garden club.

May birthdays include: Barbara Steger, Annell Hoy, Susan Penserio, Joy Young, Karen Force, Sharon Faircloth, Paul Luzetski, Gloria Owens, Michelle Manquen, Sharon Eaves, Beth Feldkamp, and Linda Berteau.

The Wildflower Festival in Crested Butte July 7-16<sup>th</sup> will be in full bloom with events, tours and touring. Members who wish to attend the festival were encouraged to register for lodging early.

**Secretary:** Gloria Owens announced all May birthdays have been scheduled. She asked for approval of the April minutes as printed in the Wild Iris. The minutes were approved.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** The program for June is grasses and noxious weeds. The speaker will be Racine Norris. Lindy will present picture boards as well as post an article. She also reminded gardeners to take pictures of their respective gardens. Lindy asked if there were members interested to have the scissor sharpening guy to return to sharpen knives, scissors and garden tools. Membership said yes.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Annell thanked members who brought food and announced Mary Twombly has volunteered to serve on the Hospitality Committee. She also stated the EGC boutique is open for sale of T-shirts, aprons or hats. All new members were encouraged to fill out wavier forms.

**Rodeo:** Annell and Chryl Twilly are still looking for an antique truck for the rodeo parade. She also said 2,000 bags of seeds are done to hand out at the parade. Members can still sign up to walk in the parade on June 17.

**Treasurer:** In the absence of Jane Wingquist, Lindy announced that members can pay their membership dues online or send checks to Evergreen Garden Club, P. O. Box 1393, Evergreen, CO 80437.

**Publicity:** Pam Hinish stated no report.

**Natural Resources:** Mary Dickoff reported damage of hail storm to the EGC gardens. Lynn Dimmick also announced the Hiwan Victorian garden was damaged due to the storm and was too wet to work, at the present time. The gardens that were damaged, members were encouraged to go to other gardens to work and clean up plant losses.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Owens, Secretary



## ***DO YOU KNOW OF A BEAUTIFUL EVERGREEN GARDEN?***

**The *Evergreen Garden Club Tour Committee* is searching for gardens for our 2018 Garden Tour. Everyone is invited to help find and/or suggest gardens! If anyone has ANY possible suggestions, we encourage you to submit them anytime between now and mid-August, as our '*Tour Selection Team*' will need to evaluate these suggested gardens in July and August 2017.**

**Please submit suggestions to Irma Wolf [irmasonny@aol.com](mailto:irmasonny@aol.com) (Irma is on the selection team, however, a leader will be selected for this 'finder's' committee.) We need the garden owner's name, address, or phone number to get started. Our first Garden Tour Team meeting will be June 12, 2017 at the home of Annell Hoy at 1:00 pm.**

**It is exciting to be part of the Selection Team! Please contact Gloria Owens, *Garden Tour Coordinator*, if you would be interested in chairing the Garden Selection Team. [Gloriaowens@centurylink.net](mailto:Gloriaowens@centurylink.net).**

**Thank you for your help!**



**Annell needs 2 utility wagons to use in the Rodeo Parade. Please contact her if you have one. She would like to get it as soon as possible in order prepare for the Parade.**

*Evergreen Rodeo Parade - June 16, 2017*

**Also, we need EGC members to walk in the parade to hold the EGC banner and distribute seed packets!**

**annell517@yahoo.com 303-670-6892**



## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS!**

**LYNN DIMMICK  
TERESA DEIGERT  
JAN SCHOONVELD  
JO POWERS  
KRIS WAGGONER**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



Susan Beaudoin; Kris Waggoner,  
Cindy Gibson, Lindy Doty



Jan & Tracy Parks; Mary Twombly;  
Louise Sprit; Tahera Atim

**Seed Packing Party  
May 4, 2017**

EGC members packing  
seeds for distribution  
during the  
Evergreen Rodeo  
Parade!

Thank you for your  
help ladies!!

JOHNSON 35 COLORSLIDE



Chryl Twilley; Louise Heern  
Lynn Dimmick; Dee Sacks

JOHNSON 35 COLORSLIDE

# **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## ***The Position of 2nd Vice President is Open!***

This will be a shared position with Linda Berteau. Linda produces the Directory, but she cannot fulfill all of the duties as she is not in Evergreen the whole year. This person will handle membership and will coordinate with the Treasurer and Welcoming Committee.



Contact Joan Evashevski [ejoaneva@gmail.com](mailto:ejoaneva@gmail.com) 303-679-1683



**Thank you Mary Twombly for volunteering to serve on the Hospitality Committee!**

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**Bethany Chamberlain  
Marnie Chisholm  
Susan Pensiero**



# MANY THANKS TO THE EGC MEMBERS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO TIDY UP THE COMMUNITY GARDENS!



Tuesday May 9, 2017  
Community Gardens Workday



Susan Pensiero and Beth Feldcamp at the Metro District Garden



Susan Pensiero, Barb Steger and Beth Feldcamp at the Metro District Garden



Jo Powers and others working at the Dam garden.



*Lookin' Good!*



Jeannine Ashton and Cheryl Twilley at the Dam Garden

## AND FOR EVERY STEP FORWARD...

As if hail, snow, wind and freezing temps in May are not challenging enough, a semi truck ran right through the Bergen Circle Garden, dragging a large boulder almost into the street!

The damage has been somewhat repaired and Dee re-planted what they could salvage, but if anyone knows where to get some *Salvia Plumosa*, please send that information to Diana Aldridge.

[aldridgediana@gmail.com](mailto:aldridgediana@gmail.com)

So sorry ladies!





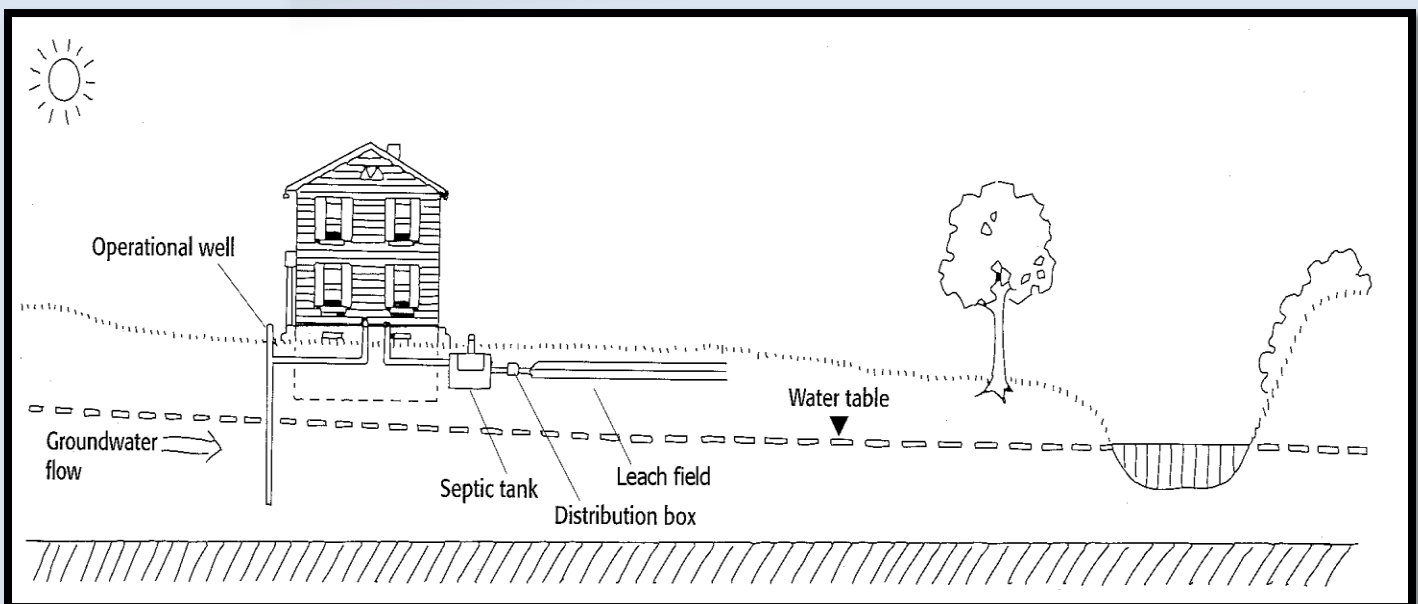
# *Mountain Water Issues*

Regulations and Realities Conspire to make this one of the biggest frustrations for the mountain gardener

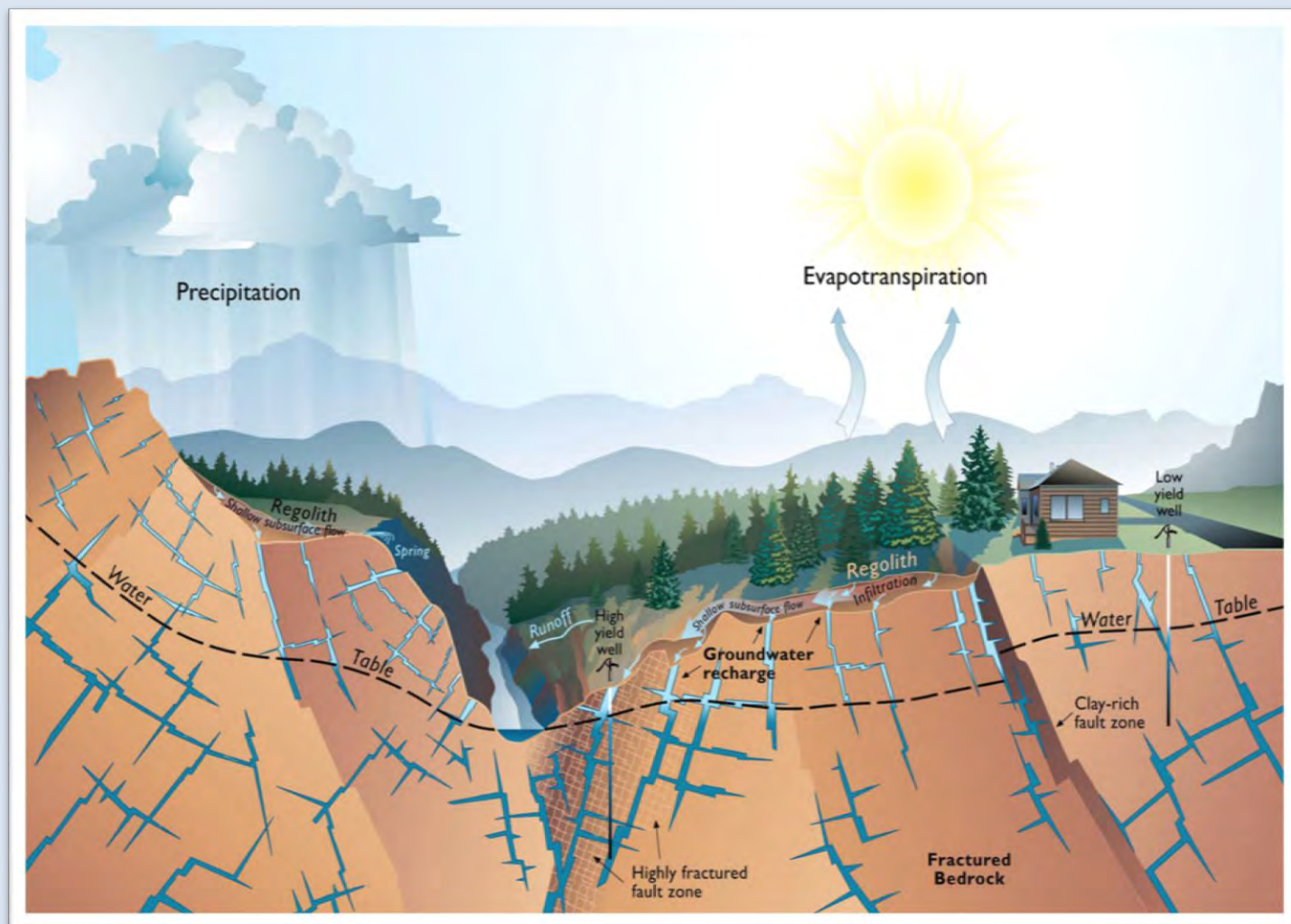
**DID YOU KNOW** in the state of Colorado, most private wells drilled on or after May 8, 1972 on properties less than 35 acres are permitted for household use only and have no outdoor watering privileges?



Water can be used only inside the home and cannot be used to irrigate gardens, windbreaks, livestock or for any other outside use. There is good reason for this. Household use only, “uses” 10% of the water, and the rest returns to recharge the water cycle.



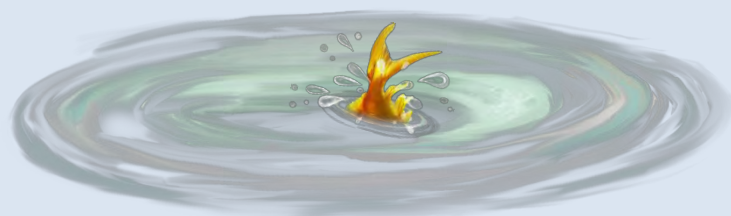
# Mountain Wells Tap into 'Fractured Rock Aquifers'



## ***BE NEIGHBORLY!***

Often, neighbors are tapped into the same aquifer. When local snows are not good, ground water does not travel far and recharge can be slow. Excessive use can draw down the water table in the aquifers. It is possible to dry your neighbors well if yours is deeper.

Even if your well is permitted for outdoor watering, you may want to protect it in times of drought. If you are on city water, there may be watering restrictions in times of drought.



# ***Getting Around Water Issues Without Breaking the Law or Irritating your Neighbors***

## ***MAKE USE OF IMPERVIOUS AREAS!***

**IT IS NOW LEGAL TO HAVE TWO 55 GALLON WATER BARRELS PER HOUSEHOLD**



**A House with 1000 Square Feet of Roof Area  
Produces Over 600 Gallons of Water  
From 1 Inch of Rain!**

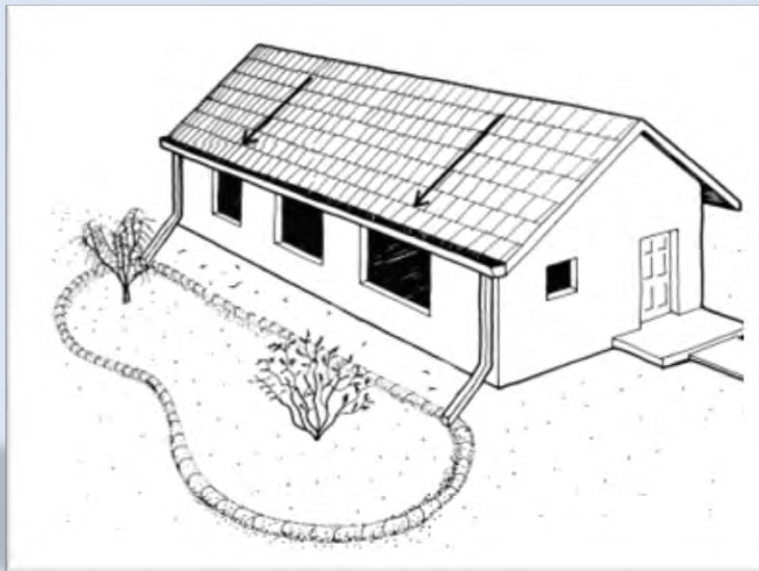
**The 2009 Rainwater Bill SB 80 was passed – take advantage of rain barrels!**

## ***DIRECT DOWNSPOUTS TO YOUR GARDEN!***

Dig a depression (at least 10' from house), direct the rainwater there to plant.

Add organic matter (compost) to increase water holding capacity.

Positive drainage away from house.



## ***NO DOWNSPOUTS? TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR DRIP LINE***



Channel Water from the Dripline.

Driplines can also be a place to hold plants until you can plant them.

**NOTE:** To avoid smashed plants, don't plant *directly* under the dripline, especially if you have a metal roof!



# **WATCH YOUR YARD DURING A RAINSTORM!**

**WHERE DOES THE WATER COME FROM?  
WHERE DOES THE WATER COLLECT AND RUN OFF?  
WATER THAT LEAVES YOUR YARD IS 'LOST'**



***Contour Land to Capture Rainwater***

***Let it Soak In, Not Run Off***



**Rainwater harvesting Vol 1**



[landfxdesign.blogspot.com](http://landfxdesign.blogspot.com)



# PLANT BY PATIOS!

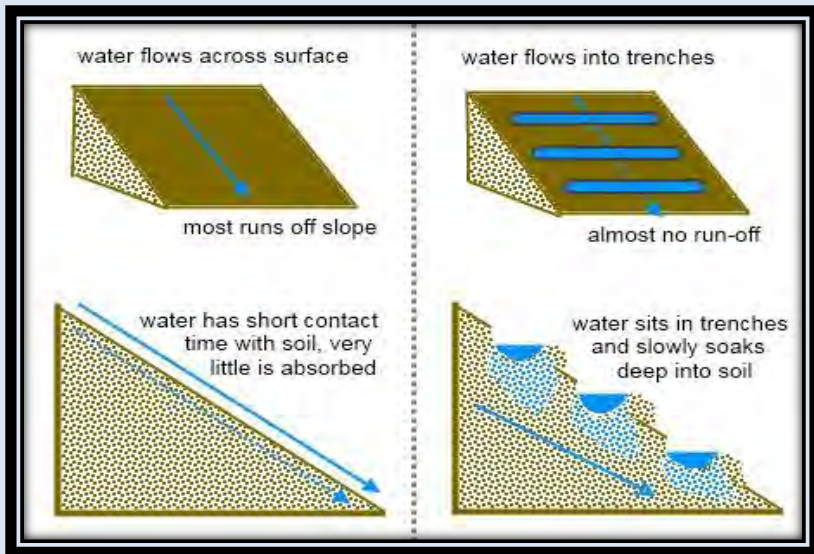


Mothernaturegardens.wordpress



Secondrain.com

Make depressed planting area by a patio to take advantage of runoff, or just plant nearby



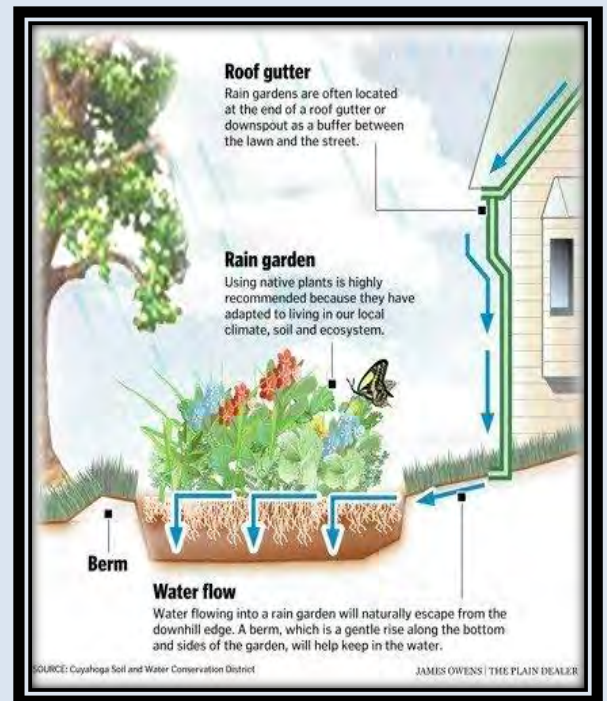
Slow Down Water with Small Berms on Slopes

**Don't be fooled by Colorado rains!**

Move the mulch around your un-established plants after a rain to ensure they actually received adequate moisture!

Line pots and even planting holes with a plastic bag with a few holes punched in it.

Simply Splashing!



## ***CISTERNS AND WATER CAN BE PURCHASED***



**Be sure you locate it within reach of the water truck's hose.**



**Dormant and bare-root plants can be planted early to take advantage of late spring moisture.**



**Enhance the garden with other elements. Instead of a thirsty basket of annuals, hang a wind chime!**



## FOR MORE INFORMATION



For more information on ground water and your right to use it, contact:

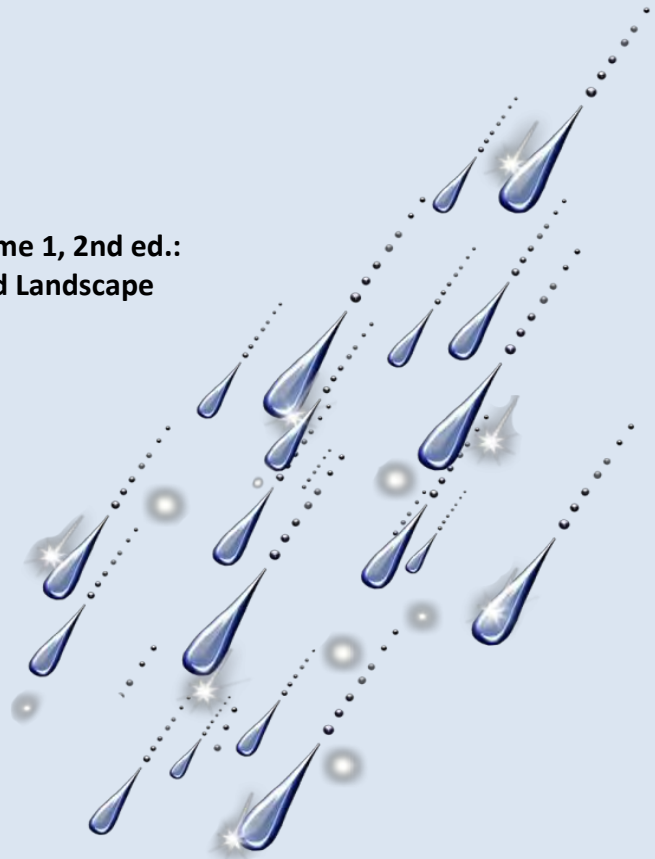
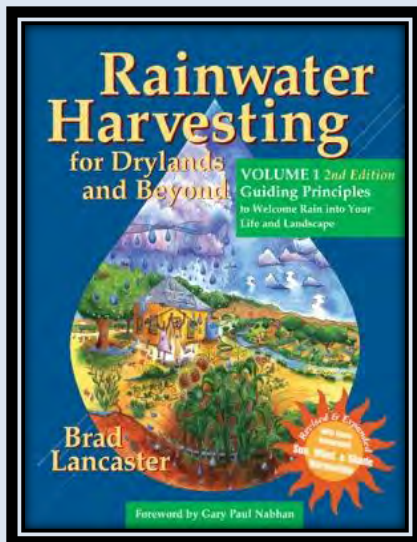
Ground Water Information at the Colorado Division of Water Resources

303-866-3587 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Information is also available online at [water.state.co.us/groundwater/groundwater.asp](http://water.state.co.us/groundwater/groundwater.asp)

Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond, Volume 1, 2nd ed.:  
Guiding Principles to Welcome Rain into Your Life and Landscape

By Brad Lancaster  
Vol 2 - Earthworks





## WHY WE SHOULDN'T TILL WET SOIL

Cultivating wet soil knocks out the air spaces between the soil particles. This can cause solid mud, particularly if your soil is clay based or heavy.

Using hand tools such as spades or forks is slightly better than machine tilling in such conditions, but even hand cultivation is best done when the soil is not very wet.

One of the purposes of tilling/digging is to increase aeration and reduce compaction, but tilling wet soil has the opposite effect, so it's best to wait until the soil is merely damp, then till.



*A special thank you to all who contributed to the Wild Iris!  
Wishing you all a great summer and Happy Gardening!*

*See you in September!  
Louise*