Earth-Friendly Desert Gardening: Growing in Harmony with Nature Saves Time, Money and Resources received the prestigious 2003 Western Regional Communications Award of Excellence from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

The book helps gardeners plan, install and maintain their landscape, starting with Site Assessment and progressing through Landscape Design, Plant Selection, Plant Maintenance, and Integrated Pest Management. Six earth-friendly themes are covered throughout the chapters, including: Energy Conservation; Water Conservation; Green Waste Reduction; Water Quality Preservation; Wildlife Habitat; and Edible Landscaping. If interested in one aspect of earth-friendly gardening, such as creating a wildlife habitat, checklists in the Appendix guide gardeners through the possibilities.

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