



Due from Timber Press Sept '09: "The NEW Low –Maintenance Garden: How to Have a Beautiful, Productive Garden and the Time to Enjoy It", by Valerie Easton

HOW TO SIMPLIFY YOUR GARDENING LIFE

New low maintenance gardens are:

- Modern, because they don't use any more of the earth's resources or the gardener's energies than necessary.
- Defined by careful, thoughtful choices and decisive editing. They have a minimum of lawn, little dividing or pruning to be done, and no spraying, staking or topiary.
- Comfortable in size and scale. They have places to relax, to play, to eat and nap. They appeal to the senses with fragrance, color, water, and art.
- Are especially reflective of the gardeners who make them, because they're created with such care and attention.
- Are organic, sustainable and nurturing to birds, bees, and butterflies as well as humans.

New low maintenance gardens include:

- Easy-care permeable hardscape like pavers, gravel, pebbles
- Food, flowers, shrubs and trees – in variety, but not in excess
- Native plants to attract, feed, and shelter a variety of creatures
- Compost bins, water catchment, drought-tolerant plants

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