

GARDEN WATERING SYSTEMS

KEY POINTS

Buckets and watering cans

Hoses

Hand-held and fixed sprinklers

Drip systems

There are six main types of systems for watering gardens:

- buckets and watering cans
- hand-held hoses
- sprinklers connected to hoses and moved by hand
- fixed sprinklers
- drip systems
- sub-irrigation (see p. 143).

Buckets and watering cans

Buckets and watering cans are hardly a watering system, but wherever water restrictions make it illegal to use any hand-held hoses, fixed sprinklers or drippers, this highly inefficient way of watering plants may be your only option for providing some municipal water to your plants.

Here are guidelines which will help you get the most out of buckets and watering cans.

- Form shallow earth walls around each of the plants you want to water, so that the bucketed water is retained where it will do the most good. You will no doubt already have mulch on the soil. The plant will get the greatest proportion of the water if you can pour the water so that it spreads under the mulch. Water retained in the mulch itself will only evaporate again.



Water can be retained around young plants either with an earth dam or with a GreenWell™.