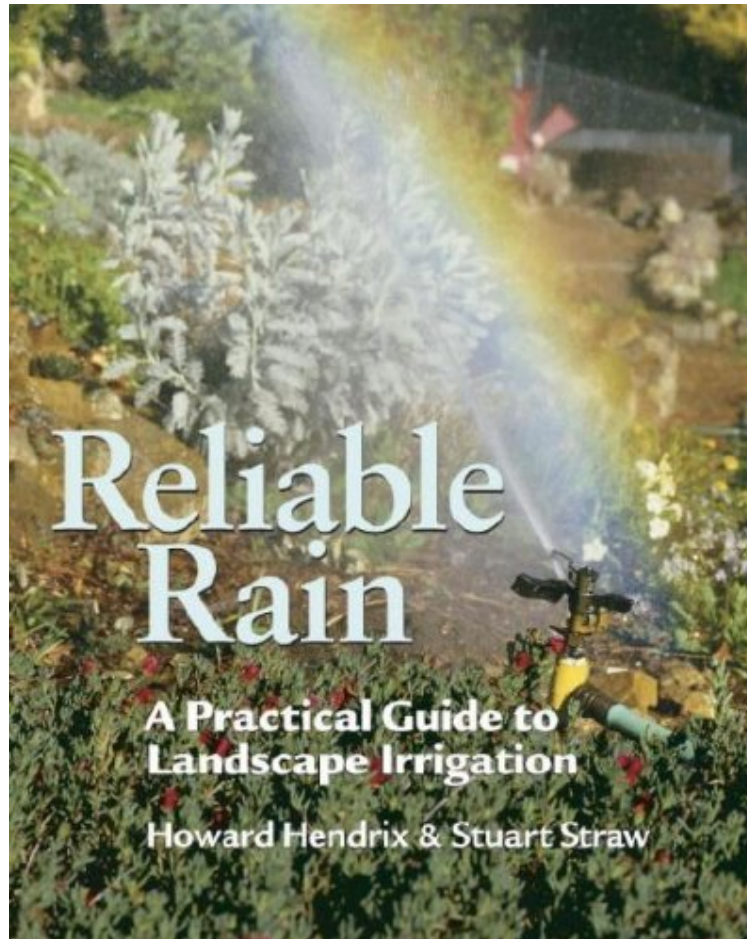


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Alvin Setzepfandt Information I was looking for. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A great guide for your own professional irrigation system By Jessica Ferguson If "practical" means "technical" then the title of this book tells you just what to expect! With sentences like, "Whether you're working with galvanized, slip PVC, or threaded PVC, you will now need a stem to connect every manifold orifice to the orifice in the bottom of each of your irrigation control valves." you can see this is not a quick reference. This book is, however, a detailed manual on evaluating, building, and installing your own garden irrigation system. It helps to evaluate your watering needs and from there follows through to offer specific plans for laying pipes, installing sprinklers, using timers, and system automation. Black and white photos and diagrams help make sense of the more technical jargon (which actually begins to sound like English about half of the way through). A very

detailed and specific guide. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Intriguing, but poorly organized. By A Customer This book had a lot of promise, written as it is by an English professor whose hands-on experience might easily translate to the experiences other do-it-yourselfers have. But it's disappointing. Concepts are poorly explained. There is little discussion about what pipe diameters (1/2", 3/4", etc.) are appropriate for what kind of job. He vaguely references working through moving from one diameter to the other, but does not explain why and in what circumstances each pipe is appropriate. Nor does he really put irrigation into a context that probably 90% of homeowners experience -- suburbia. There's discussion about micro systems, macro systems, etc., but precious little discussion of the all-American suburban lawn. After reading this book, I have no idea what type of pipe and sprinkler is best for my suburban American lawn, and that's a pity indeed.

Whether in an arid area of the country or one where water conservation is a necessity, home irrigation systems can be an efficient way of delivering water to plants. Readers learn how to choose and use controllable water delivery alternatives to keep lawns, gardens and landscapes green and healthy. Irrigation enthusiast Howard Hendrix explains in friendly, understandable language how new advances have put efficient irrigation systems within reach of the average gardener.-- Explains how to assess irrigation needs for all types of soil, plants and climates, from simple soakers to electronically controlled systems.-- Shows how to evaluate a yard for water efficiency.-- Includes photos and illustrations that demystify the equipment available and show how to choose and install it.

From Booklist An irrigation system contributes to a landscape's overall health. However, gardeners who might be considering putting in some sort of watering device should be aware of the cost and often considerable work involved. This guide should promote understanding of techniques used in installing such devices and how to evaluate the soil and microclimate of a given yard. Line drawings and photographs illustrate many types of equipment as well as various designs for irrigating systems. Whether the reader is a do-it-yourself gardener or someone about to hire a landscaping contractor, Hendrix and Straw have written a manual that provides accessible definitions, usable plans, and concise explanations of how systems work. Alice Joyce About the Author Straw has worked in a nursery and landscaping business for 15 years. He has designed, installed, and retrofitted irrigation systems for residential landscapes, nurseries, and specialty plant growers. Currently he works for Florida Nursery in Hemet, CA.