

WE CAN WORK TOGETHER

Find out about permaculture – short for ‘PERMANent agriCULTURE’. Permaculture farms and gardens are designed to use and recycle natural resources super-efficiently, keeping soil healthy for the future. Many of the techniques described in this chapter are used in permaculture.

Eight ways to save our soil

1. Feed the soil lots of organic matter including compost and green manure.
2. Shelter the soil from wind and water with trees, cover crops and mulch.
3. Shelter the soil from over-grazing.
4. Shelter the soil from too much disturbance – till the soil as little as possible.
5. Find ways to save water and send just the right amount to your crops.
6. Grow lots of different crops to stop pests and diseases spreading quickly.
7. Look after the creatures who look after you – take care not to kill helpful insects.
8. Try out new ideas, and share information with others.

