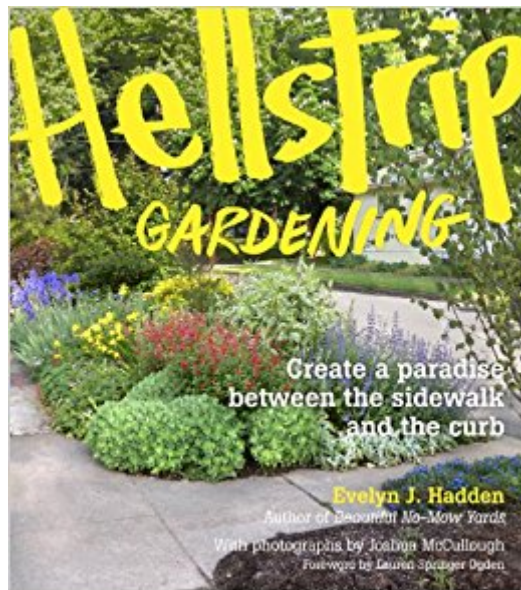




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# Hellstrip Gardening: Create A Paradise Between The Sidewalk And The Curb



## Synopsis

The hellstrip—also known as a boulevard, meridian, and planting strip—is finally getting the attention it deserves! Gardeners everywhere are taking advantage of the space to add curb appeal to their homes, expand the size of their gardens, and conserve more resources. Hellstrip Gardening is the first book to show you exactly how to reclaim these oft-ignored spaces by determining the city and home owner's association rules, choosing plants that thrive in tough situations, designing pathways for accessibility, and much more. Gorgeous color photographs of hellstrip gardens across the country offer inspiration and visual guidance to anyone ready to tackle this final frontier.

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"A creative and environmentally friendly gardening book, Hellstrip Gardening is a fine choice for both dreamers and doers. Hadden has ideas not only for that awkward (and presumably hellish) space between person and street, but also for medians, parking lot islands, community gardens—anyplace there is land to plant."  
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ideas not only for that awkward (and presumably hellish) space between person and street, but also for medians, parking lot islands, community gardens—anyplace there is land to plant. Landscape Architecture “Inspiration for urban gardeners.” Chicago Tribune “How could I not love Hellstrip Gardening? The subject is fun and inspiring.” Garden Rant “Organized in sections devoted to planning and preparation, [and] design. . . . Hadden inspires us to be daring, and the photographs, taken in all regions of the country, show that in the garden impossible dreams do come true . . . all the time.” Pioneer Press “An entertaining new book! It shares ways to turn the ugly wasteland between sidewalk or driveway and the curb into lovely floral borders.” Charlotte Observer “Hadden will help you through the toughest planting challenges, whether you’re planting an actual hellstrip or your yard just seems like one.” Garden & Gun Online

Contents Foreword by Lauren Springer Ogden, author of *The Undaunted Garden* and *Plant-Driven Design* Part 1: Inspirations showcases 12 inspiring curbside gardens from around the United States. Part 2: Situations tackles challenges posed by street trees, too much or too little water, poor or contaminated soil, restrictive regulations, foot and vehicle traffic, desirable and undesirable wildlife, piled snow and road salt, utility lines and unsightly equipment, and more. Part 3: Creation offers nature-friendly solutions for designing, building, and managing a curbside garden. Part 4: Curbside-Worthy Plants profiles over 100 plants that can help transform your hellstrip to a curbside paradise, highlighting plants with showy flowers, plants with showy foliage, plants with edible or medicinal uses, and plants with four-season structure.

I love this book! Evelyn has an informal, folksy way of writing that is engaging and fun. The book is divided up into short chapters so it’s a good one to pick up when you have just a few minutes between chores and appointments, etc. The examples are awesome and cover a wide variety of conditions, zones and affinities. These principles can be applied to anyone’s garden whether they have a “hellstrip” or not. I highly recommend this book.

This book seems to be written more as a guide for folks who are already familiar with things like botanical names, hardiness zones, and how to lay out and nurture a garden. I’m thoroughly enjoying this book and find it a valuable resource. Each chapter showcases a specific garden in a different region of the country. The last several sections deal with potential zoning issues, water issues, line

of sight issues, things of that nature. It's not a how-to, in that it doesn't give a template for a garden with directions to plant one of this type here and 3 of that type there. I highly recommend this book as a resource for tackling hell-strips, it's a fun read.

This book gives great tips on replacing your lawn with a beautiful garden. Her knowledge of which plants are right for your garden is very helpful.

As a Nursery owner who sells many of the plants used by Evelyn Hadden, I was very impressed with her use and information about these plants. Very helpful, even to a professional gardener! Thanks Evelyn!

Having a book that demonstrates how to beautify your hellstrip and not just list plants is truly a gift and a resource that will be used over and over again. The photos were absolutely stunning and the suggestions were right on point. I am glad that I purchased this book for my gardening library and resource book!!!!.

Not all hellstrips are in the sun, would like some advice for shady areas. We have lots of city planted mature trees on the corner of a very busy city street.

Great ideas and a wide variety of them for anyone who wants to plant along a roadway.

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