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**“What is one of the worst things that happened in your garden and what did you do about it?”**

During heat spells I will sometimes give some special plants an extra soaking from the hose. I'm starting to reach over to the dark gray hose with yellow stripes on it, when I realize I only own green hoses. I went away for a few minutes and the extra "hose" had slithered off. - *LP*

Having a sprinkler pipe break over a foot deep and cause a slow leak that over time rotted many plants and gave us a water bill of over \$800. - *EF*

First thought is the frost last year – but that’s just nature! I’m the worst thing that happens in my garden (as well as the best)! No patience, wanting one of everything, planting weedy things. Deal with it by growing. - *SG*

When I only had a little time to garden, I was still determined to start a patch of wildflowers. I spread the seeds, kept them moist and told my gardener what I had done. After checking periodically, the plants were coming up nicely until one day when my gardener’s new employee raked the whole area of “weeds.” I asked that former gardener to replace the plants but instead he left a pot of oxalis. - *DBG*

One morning I walked out and discovered that my collection of flowering cymbidiums, all 22 of them, had disappeared from my front yard. What did I do? I cried. - *PW*

### *Anonymous Contributors*

#1 I stupidly planted *Anemone japonica* eight years ago. One gallon plant equals 600 square feet now!!

#2 District undergrounding of our utilities, for which we were assessed \$50,000 on our property tax bill, and I allowed thick-headed, ham-fisted workmen into my kitchen garden area to dig trenches, stomp on rare plants and cause me great distress. A double whammy!

When I lived up north, wild boar came into the garden plowing up half the front lawn – didn't replace the lawn, just planted more flowering shrubs.

We're two persons with different ideas but only one garden. We have not always dealt with this situation amicably, but the results are pretty good.