



2024 Gardening Guide and Calendar

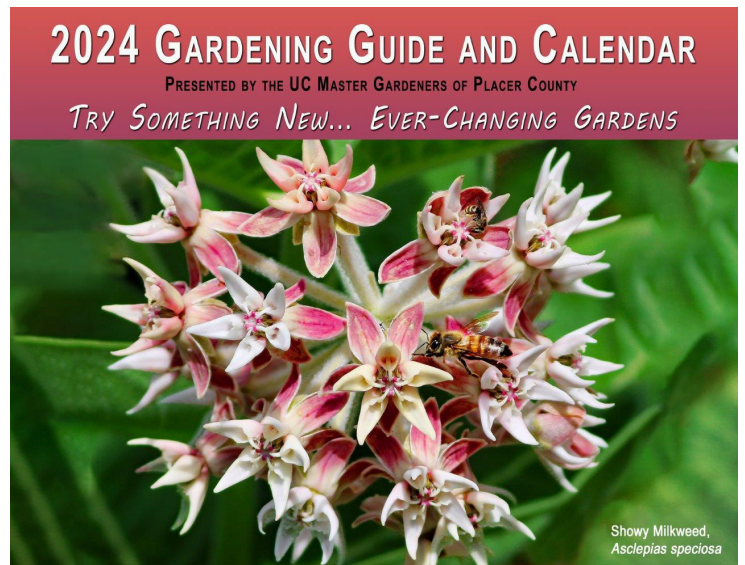
Presented by the U.C. Master Gardeners of Placer County

The **2024 Calendar and Gardening Guide** provides ideas that may be new to your garden to try this year. This gardening guide and calendar contains articles and tips that will help you to create a healthy, sustainable, productive, and rewarding garden.

Visit us at:

pcmg.ucanr.edu/2024_Calendar

- for ordering information
- a list of local vendors



A Gardening Guide on a Calendar

Achieving Color Throughout the Year

For both your garden and as cut flowers, there are many colorful options during the four seasons. The following are drought tolerant and California natives:

Spring natives for the season are purple, pink, and yellow. What Easter arrangement doesn't include those colors? Plant spring-blooming sages or lupine species for purples. Bush Sunflower or Golden Yarrow are great yellows. Bush Mallow is a lovely pink.

Entering **summertime**, try some vibrant sunset hues of red or coral-orange. The Tiger Lily or Humboldt's Lily provide rich reds and oranges. The Sticky Monkeyflower is a shrub that gives a sunset glow with its orange and yellow flowers. These hot colors shine in the evening when late sunshine illuminates the blossoms. A white flower such as the Matilija Poppy is a stunning addition.

For fall flowers, consider California Buckwheat for its rust-colored dried flower heads. The Pt. Reyes Sidalcea is great for its smaller pink flowers in areas that are more moist. Curved Flower Skullcap is a part of the mint family and provides a purple complement.

For winter, brighten up your yard with rich purples from a California Redbud tree or Silver Larkspur. Black Brush is a great white-flowered brush that flowers in spring, summer and winter!

Consider planting these to provide colorful gardens and cutting arrangements all year. For more information on native plants by color and seasons go to calcape.org.

Rudbeckia hirta (Black-eyed Susan) and California Native, *Salvia Clevelandii* (Cleveland Sage) add color to this summer garden.

What to Plant in January

Annuals
English daisy, Primrose, Snapdragon, Pansy, Sweet pea

Perennials
Bergenia, Helibone, Red Hot Poker

Shrubs and Trees
Bare-root roses, Bare-root cane berries, Bare-root grapes, Bare-root fruit trees

In Season at the Market

Fruits
Blood and navel oranges, Kiwis, Kumquats, Mandarins, Meyer lemons, Pummelos

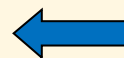
Vegetables
Broccoli, Cabbage, Camelliflower, Winter Squash

Root Vegetables
Beets, Carrots, Parsnips, Radishes, Rutabagas, Turnips

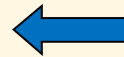
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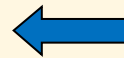
Suggestions of “What to plant by Month.”



“In Season at the Market” information.



Beautiful color photos with informative articles.



Contact information for UC Master Gardeners of Placer County.



Timely reminders such as plant care, irrigation tips, pest control information and much, much more.



Includes QR codes and URLs for quick access to online resources.

January 2024 UC CE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 1 New Year's Day <i>Kiwanan ondi</i> | 2 Protect non-tender plants when the temperature falls below 12 degrees. | 3 For specific pruning instructions, attend a pruning clinic. | 4 Prune fruit trees (except apricots and cherries.) Remove 15-20% of last year's growth for plants, plums, apples, and pears. 50% for peaches. | 5 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Apply horticultural oil to fruit trees to control scale, mites, aphids, and other insects. This needs 24 hours of dry weather to be effective. | 8 | 9 In warmer climates, start pruning roses. Fertilize plants when new growth begins. Those in colder climates should delay pruning until after the last frost to prevent damage. | 10 Many deciduous plants can have their annual pruning now. Delay the pruning of spring-flowering shrubs until after bloom. | 11 Study seed catalogs and order this year's vegetable and flower seeds. | 12 Plan vegetable beds. Consider crop rotation, mulches, and drip irrigation. | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 15 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Clean up debris around fruit trees to prevent disease. | 26 | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Place cuttings of cut-flowering like gerbera in a vase indoors to force-bloom. | 29 Bare-root plants are available in local nurseries now through March. | 30 | 31 | <table border="1"> <tr><th colspan="7">Dec 2023</th></tr> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> | Dec 2023 | | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | <table border="1"> <tr><th colspan="7">Feb 2024</th></tr> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> | Feb 2024 | | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
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