

November TO DO

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Weed seedlings will be germinating as the rains fall.
Clear them with a hoe as soon as they appear.

After the leaves have fallen, spray all parts of peach and nectarines trees with copper sulfate to prevent peach-leaf curl.

Move any crowded trees, shrubs or perennials.
Dig around the plant keeping as much of the root ball as possible.
Replant immediately and water deeply.

Turn off irrigation systems if the rains have started.
Water only if there is no rainfall for two weeks or more.

Whether you take care of a small plot or a big one, it is important that you are good stewards to the land. Here are some examples that will help in taking care of the health of your property:

Irrigate your garden with a drip system;
make sure to regularly match the demands of the seasons by reprogramming the automatic controller.

Group plants with similar water needs together.

Use as many plants that are adapted to our climate zone as possible.

Plant flowers that will attract pollinators such as bees and butterflies, as well as beneficial insects such as lacewings and ladybugs.

Avoid planting invasive species.
Ask a Master Gardener for advice if you are not sure.

If you want a lawn, grow a water wise one using such as buffalo grass.

If you have an orchard or a vegetable garden, make sure to plant appropriate and disease resistant varieties whenever possible.

Irrigate established fruit and ornamental trees slowly, deeply and less frequently; this will help the trees to grow long and deep roots.

Plant deciduous shade trees to conserve energy; they will provide cooling shade in the summer and sunlight in the winter.

Compost all green and brown vegetable waste from your garden and kitchen; also add fallen leaves and weeds without seeds.

Use natural fertilizers, such as manures and fish emulsion.

Mulch the soil to keep down weeds and to conserve water.

Educate yourself by asking a Master Gardener, about pest, disease and weed control products before using them in your garden.

Recycle as much as possible.