

“Fall” in Love with Gardening



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- ❖ Extend **research-based**, sustainable gardening and composting information
- ❖ Present accurate, impartial information to **home gardeners**
- ❖ Encourage public to make **informed** gardening decisions



Who Are Master Gardeners?

Where to find us...

Online, in the Media, and Special Publications

- ❖ Hotline: Call **(530) 889-7388** or submit your questions online
- ❖ Website: pcmg.ucanr.edu
- ❖ Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube Channel
- ❖ Gold Country Media monthly column
- ❖ *Curious Gardener* quarterly newsletter on our website
- ❖ *Gardening Guide and Calendar*



Who Are Master Gardeners?

Where to find us...

Workshops, Fairs and Festivals, and Special Events

- ❖ Speakers by Request
- ❖ Workshops (various venues, check website)
- ❖ Farmers' Markets (seasonal: Auburn, Roseville, Lincoln)
- ❖ Fairs and Festivals Booths (varies)
- ❖ Garden Faire (April)
- ❖ Mother's Day Garden Tour (May)



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Workshops and Special Events

Event Name	Date
Fall Is the New Spring	8/12/2023
Composting and Mulch	8/19/2023
Lawn Replacement--From Blah to Beautiful	8/19/2023
Fall in Love with Gardening	8/19/2023

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Visit Us at the Farmers' Market

Event Name	Date
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Garden Adventures

To beautiful places with interesting people!



UC Master Gardeners of Placer County invite you to

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Fall and Winter in the Garden

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2024 GARDENING GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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TRY SOMETHING NEW... EVER-CHANGING GARDENS

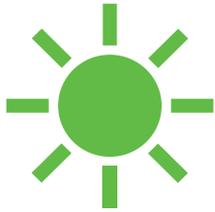


Showy Milkweed,
Asclepias speciosa



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Fall Opportunities



Cooler weather



Good Opportunity
for new plantings



Time to prepare for
next growing season

Agenda



CLEAN UP



COMPOST



PERENNIALS



LAWNS



TREES



PLANT



ORGANIZE

Clean Up Annuals and Containers

- ❖ Empty containers, and store in an area free from freezing temperatures
- ❖ Clean out flower beds



Clean Up Annuals and Containers

❖ Collect and store seeds

- You can save seeds from zinnia, marigolds, petunia, cosmos and nasturtium for example
- Label and store in a cool dry place

❖ Take cuttings to grow indoors

- Coleus, geraniums for example

❖ Frost Plan



Start a Compost Pile

Collect fall yard waste:

- Finished vegetable crops
- Flower trimmings
- Fall leaves
- Grass clippings



Photo: B. Villareal

Refresh your Vegetable Garden for Next Year

Clean out

Finalize Harvest
Clean out beds



Put away

Put away stakes, labels and other accessories



Add

Add compost
• Add 2-3 inch thick layer of compost over your beds

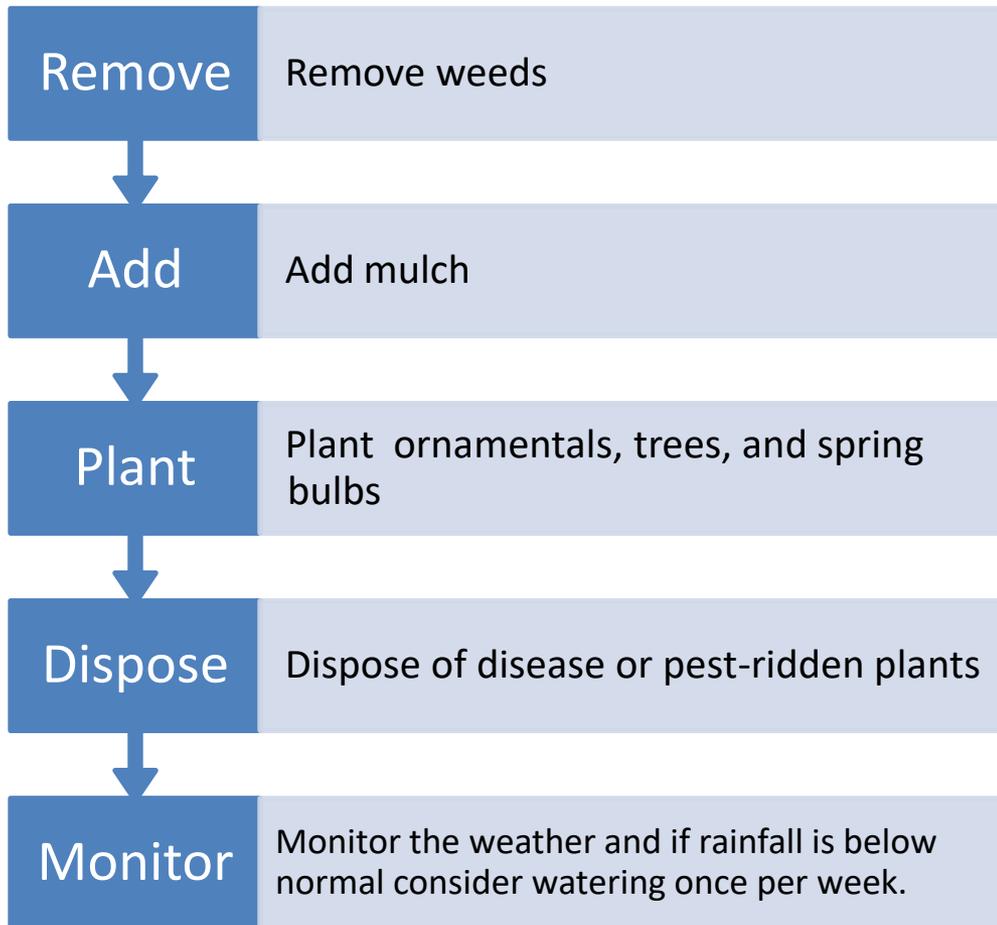
Refresh your Vegetable Garden for Next Year

Plant cover crops like:

- Clover
- Peas & Oats
- Buckwheat
- Vetch



Prep the Perennial Garden



Get Your Lawn Ready for Winter

01

Deal with fallen leaves

02

Seed or lay sod

- Cool temperatures is ideal condition for making repairs

03

Aerate your lawn to loosen compacted soil

04

Keep up with weeds

05

Raise your mower blade



The UC Guide to Healthy Lawns

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Turf adaptations and tolerances—somewhat adapted to summer heat

Turf species somewhat adapted to summer heat

Turf species	Tolerance					Temperature adaptation	Planting method
	Cold	Drought	Shade	Salinity	Wear/Traffic		
Dichondra	Low	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	Warm-season	Seed, plugs

Turf species well adapted to summer heat

Turf species	Tolerance					Temperature adaptation	Planting method
	Cold	Drought	Shade	Salinity	Wear/Traffic		
Bermudagrass	Low	High	Low	High	High	Warm-season	Seed, sod, stolons, sprigs, plugs
Buffalograss	Moderate	High	Low	Low	Low	Warm-season	Seed, sod, plugs
Kikuyugrass	Low	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Warm-season	Sod, stolons
Seashore paspalum	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	Warm-season	Sod, stolons
St. Augustinegrass	Low	Moderate	High	High	Moderate	Warm-season	Sod, stolons
Tall fescue*	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate-high	Cool-season	Seed, sod
Zoysiagrass	Low - moderate	High	Moderate-high	Moderate	High	Warm-season	Sprigs, sod

*Tall fescue has moderate to high tolerance for heat.

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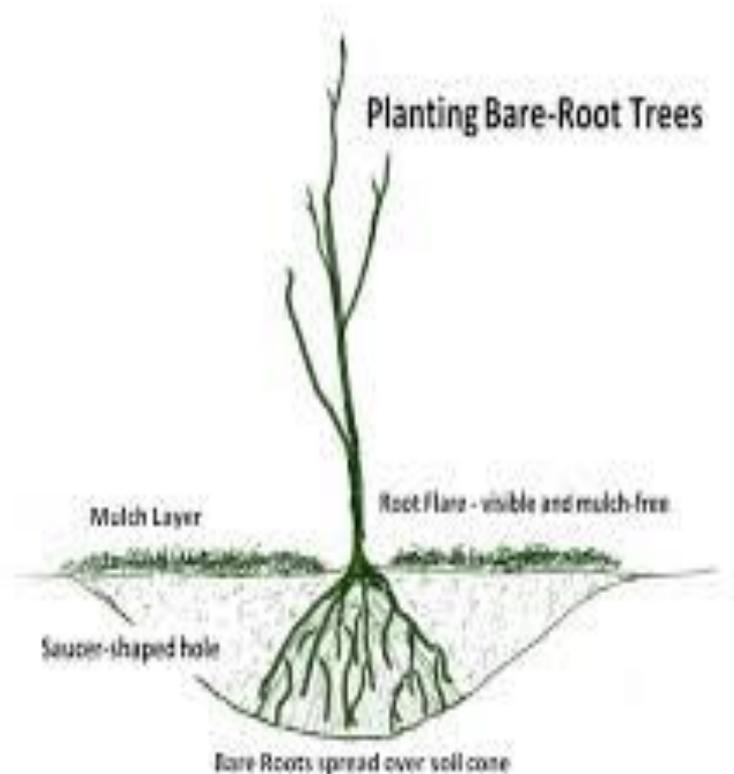
Care for Trees and Shrubs

- ❖ Break down water basins before winter
- ❖ Pick up dropped fruit
- ❖ Consider light pruning before leaves drop



Care for Trees and Shrubs

- ❖ Fall is an excellent time for planting
- ❖ Stake new trees for winter winds
- ❖ Add layer of mulch
- ❖ Provide adequate water



Planting New Plants

- Good time to plant cool season veggies such as cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, radish, and some root crops.





Placer County Vegetable Planting Guide

Cool Season Vegetables

- Start seeds indoors
- Direct sow in garden
- Transplant
- Harvest

The dates on this chart are for gardens at about 1200' of elevation. For Summer/Fall planting, gardeners at lower elevations should delay planting by about 2 weeks for every 1000' below 1200'. Gardeners at higher elevations should plant about 2 weeks earlier for every 1000' above 1200'.

Vegetables depend on day length to reach maturity. This chart shows when to plant each cool season vegetable so that it approaches maturity before sunlight falls below 10 hours a day. During months with shorter days, plants stop growing and wait for long sunlight hours to resume.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Brussels sprouts												
cabbage												
broccoli/cauliflower												
chard, collards, kale												
potatoes												
leeks							(Starts)					
arugula, lettuce, spinach												
onions/shallots												
beets												
turnips												
carrots												
radish												
garlic												
peas												
fava beans												

* Sets are small onion bulbs that are transplanted the same way seed is planted, but only produce green onions.

Clean and Organize Tools

❖ Clean hand tools

❖ Clean and Sharpen blades

- Pruners and loppers can get dull with lots of use
- Mower blades can be sharpened with a file to restore sharp edges

❖ Store to prevent damage/rust



Clean and Organize Tools

- ❖ Protect outdoor plumbing and hoses from freezing temperatures
- ❖ Clean out sprayers
- ❖ Store all chemicals, and fertilizers in a safe, dry location



Disposing of Pesticides and Fertilizers

- ❖ Sewage treatment plants aren't designed to treat toxic chemicals.
- ❖ Pouring garden chemicals into a storm drain, down the sink, or in the toilet is never an option—and it is against the law!
- ❖ The only allowable way to dispose of pesticides is to use them up according to label directions or to take them to a household hazardous waste site.

Record Your Season



In Conclusion



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