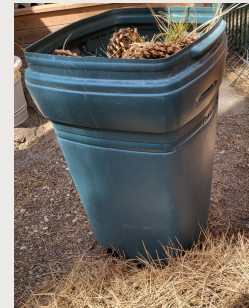




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Greetings Tahoe Gardeners,

My name is Sandy Gainza; I am the new editor of this UC Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe newsletter. I hope to make this publication useful to all of you who live and garden in the Lake Tahoe region. We are approaching the summer solstice; as you watch the sun move from its southernmost position in December to the northernmost aspect on June 21, keep in mind that the sun and shade in your garden will change throughout the year. If you plan on enjoying annual summer color or growing vegetables, the south facing side of your house will become more shady in summer than in spring or fall. This change can affect how your plants bloom and also how much irrigation they might need. Take a minute to observe where the sun is at the same time of day every so often. Knowing how much sun you actually get in any spot during our very short growing season can help you choose the right plants for each location.



This month, the Master Gardeners are busy with several projects. The "Grow Your Own" workshops are winding up, with "Tomatoes" scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 and Saturday, June 11; and "Herbs", scheduled for Wednesday, June 15. These workshops are free unless you would like to purchase accompanying plants, in which case there is a \$15 fee for the plants. Don't worry if you missed one of the earlier presentations; they are posted on YouTube and you can watch at your leisure **HERE** on the UC Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe YouTube channel! You can register for the final two classes at the links shown below!

The Tahoe Master Gardeners will also be at the South Lake Tahoe Tuesday Farmers' Market beginning July 14. The Farmers' Market is located at the American Legion Hall (Hwy 50) 2732 S. Lake Tahoe Blvd. Our volunteers are working on special presentations to share with the public at the markets. Keep in mind that our space will rotate each week as assigned by the market staff, so look for our signs! We look forward to seeing you at the market, and can help answer questions you have regarding gardening in our area!

Please be sure and check our website for a complete set of articles written to help you become a better gardener! Click **HERE** to see all of the articles posted online for your convenience. Trending now as summer kicks off are the articles on **Edible Landscaping**, **Deadheading Flowers**, and **Planting for Pollinators**.

Enjoy the long days and take time to savor the summer landscape!



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The Grow Your Own Tahoe (GYOT) workshops open early this year with a session on Germinating Seeds and Transplanting. GYOT is a collaboration among several local organizations to bring high elevation organic growing expertise to local gardeners. Slow Food Lake Tahoe is managing the registration process which can be done [here](#) for all the workshops.

Note that all sessions are offered online. Several are also offered in person at the Truckee Community Garden (different dates). A limited number of plants and seeds can be purchased.

June 6 Tomatoes  
June 15 Herbs

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## What is a Tahoe Friendly Garden?

The **Tahoe Friendly Garden Program** is a non-regulatory, voluntary sign-up program administered by the UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe. Our goal is to encourage residents of Lake Tahoe to garden in a manner that strives to fit our local conditions. The *Tahoe Friendly Garden Program* encourages gardens that use less water, fertilizer, and pesticides, and includes a diversity of plants and landscape options.

A *Tahoe Friendly Garden* will ensure that the right plants are in the right place.



### Tahoe Friendly Garden Elements:

- **Water Conservation:** Conserve your time and resources by being water-wise! Choose appropriate plants for Tahoe's climate and utilize efficient irrigation systems.

- **Beneficial Wildlife Habitat:** Living in harmony with wildlife. Consider the pros and cons of which critters you want to invite in your yard. Berries, seeds, and leaves are an important food source for birds, mammals and beneficial insects and plants provide nesting materials and shelter from predators and the elements.
- **Soil Fertility:** The garden's foundation. Soil health enhances water infiltration and storage while allowing your garden to thrive.
- **Wildfire Safety:** Garden for your 3 Tahoe fire defensible space zones. Minimize the risk of wildfire by reducing the amount of flammable vegetative material in your home landscape and eliminate it near structures.
- **Home-grown food:** A little knowledge and practice with climate and growing seasons, soil conditions, moisture, and pest control can help you grow your own vegetables and join the grow-your-own movement.

*Tahoe Friendly Garden Elements into Action... We've created a certification program to:*

- Reward Tahoe gardeners for their positive efforts!
- Encourage Tahoe residents and visitors to appreciate **native and adapted plants.**
- Make gardening fun!
- Keep Tahoe naturally beautiful!

#### **How to certify your garden in 4 easy steps:**

1. Take the voluntary survey below to see if your current gardening practices qualify your yard. Go to <http://ucanr.edu/tahofriendlygarden> and take the quick free survey
2. Receive a "Tahoe Friendly Garden" Certificate.
3. Proudly post your sticker decal to demonstrate your support.
4. Encourage your neighbors and friends to participate!

\*If you don't meet the minimum requirements this time, please do not worry. This is an on-going program. Feel free to peruse the resources to make adjustments and then come back to the survey. You can also call our office, attend one of our workshops or become a Master Gardener yourself to hone your skills.

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