

Tips and Tricks For Vegetable Gardening

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It's been a disorienting year. Spring planting may seem odd – shouldn't it come after winter? We all know how winter went. Those two (was it three?) days of winter really took it out of me. Whew! Now I look at my little seeds and starts and wonder...is this spring? Should I contemplate a little vegetable garden considering the water crisis? Should I call the whole thing off?

If you are feeling as discombobulated as I am, then hustle down to the Master Gardener's Advice to Grow By Workshop this Saturday. Not only will you be reoriented in regards to the correct season, you will be privy to a nice permutation on spring gardening. The focus will be on vegetable gardening, but the eye never leaves the storyline of this year: drought.

You will glean handy growing tips and water conservation tricks that will have you growing healthy veggies in our arid climate. Learn what watering methods will best suit your needs and discover ways to plant that will naturally save water. Leave with innovative ideas and renewed motivation.

Drought Tip! Don't throw leftover water away after boiling vegetables. Let it cool and use it on your plants.

The workshop is held in the Garden of the Seven Sisters at 2156 Sierra Way in San Luis Obispo. The workshop goes from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00. Dress comfortably, bring sunscreen and water, and please park in the lot adjacent to the demonstration garden.

How to Series: Build a Raised Bed

Watch and learn as two of our seasoned MGs build a raised bed in the garden. Ray and Wes have contributed many years to our program and their expertise is visible in the infrastructure of the garden you see today. They'll be continuing their efforts as they construct a raised bed for one of our educational garden plots. The public is invited to watch and learn and will be provided with building plans to construct a raised bed of their own!

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2014

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Garden of the Seven Sisters, 2156 Sierra Way, SLO

Cost: FREE!