



Garden Notes

Summer 2020



Have a Gardening Question? Ask Us!

Welcome to our Summer edition of Garden Notes.

Summer is Here

It is definitely summer! The hot days are here, the tomatoes are ripening and the battle with the squash bugs is underway. While we may still be out in our own gardens, COVID-19 and social distancing requirements have changed the way our UC Master Gardeners are able to extend gardening information to our community. We are working on new and innovative ways to share gardening support and information with you so stay tuned for more information. An unknown author said: "Gardening is medicine that does not need a prescription—and with no limit on dosage." At heart, a gardener is an optimist. You plant a seed believing it will come up. You plan a garden hoping to create peace, find shelter, to share or nurture plants. So, take a gardening pill and take care of yourselves.

~ Happy Gardening ~

Marcy Sousa, Program Coordinator

Wildfires and Garden Planting

As our cities and towns continue to sprawl, an increasing number of



Californians live in the urban-wildland interface where the threat of fires is particularly significant. The urban-wildland interface is the area where urban and suburban development meets underdeveloped areas containing natural vegetation.

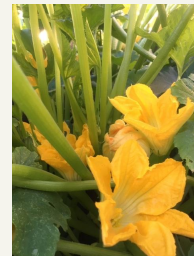
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Vegetable Gardening for the Novice

A lot of us have turned to our gardens for exercise and solace during this pandemic. My flowers have never looked better! But I confess this is the first year I've had a vegetable garden in several years. Summer vegetables are well under way, but it's not too late to start—

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Fresh Fruit & Produce for the Food Insecure

No doubt you've seen the images. Long, sometimes miles-long, lines of people waiting at food banks and food pantries. As the pandemic continues and unemployment rates continue to rise, the challenges for food banks and pantries have increased for the continuing and newly food insecure.

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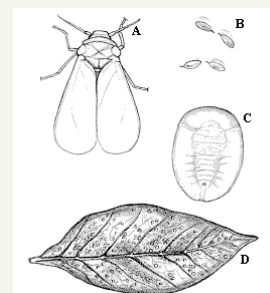
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Citrus whitefly. A, Adult. B, Eggs. C, Nymph. D, Damage to gardenia leaf.

Pests of the Season

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Consider Hops for a Vertical Garden

There are many reasons to cultivate a vertical garden: small spaces, implementing aesthetic visuals, creating noise barriers or living fences, and even blocking a nosey neighbor. The decision to install plants that want to climb is relatively simple. The bigger question is what plant will fulfill the needs of the garden and, in so doing, please the gardener.

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Growing Knowledge Success with Natives

We've been hearing some alarming statistics about wildlife recently. Research published in the journal Science pointed to a drop of nearly three billion birds in North America since 1970. A recent article in National Geographic, "You'll Miss them When They're Gone," details the increased rate at which insects are disappearing and the devastating effects that will have on our planet.

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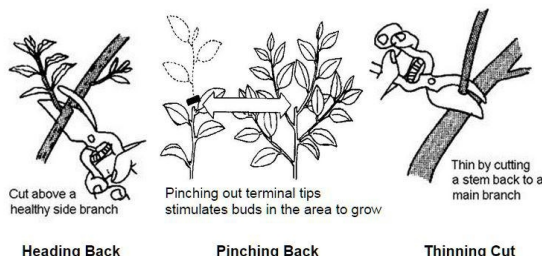
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A Taste of the Season Recipes from the Garden

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Help Desk When do I Prune Shrubs in the Landscape?



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Knowing when to prune and how to prune are important aspects of gardening to know; especially to be a relaxed, at-ease gardener. The first rule is to understand that not all shrubs and plants need to be pruned.

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Preserving flowers is an easy and enjoyable way to extend their life.

There are a number of ways to accomplish this; here are a few:

Hanging to dry
Pressing flowers
Drying flowers with silica gel

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What's Blooming in the Learning Landscape?

An excellent companion plant to consider for a Hop vertical wall is the Island Pink Yarrow.

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Gardening During COVID-19 Survey

Researchers in the US, Australia, and Germany created a survey to see how gardening has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please consider taking the 10 - 15 minute survey to help us understand: 1) what motivates gardeners during the pandemic, 2) whether gardeners' use of their gardens has changed, and 3) what additional support would be beneficial for gardeners. [Please click here to take the survey.](#)

Calendar of Events

We are busy lining up virtual gardening classes. Stay tuned for dates and registration info. This Tuesday (July 14th) will be our first class on Common Tomato Problems. These classes will be recorded and shared on our website if you can't make it in person. If you would like to register for the tomato class, [click here.](#)

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We are currently checking e-mails and phone messages remotely during the shelter in place. We ask for your patience as there may be a delay in response time from our volunteers.

Find past editions of our newsletter here.

