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Fire Prevention for the Seasons



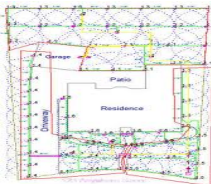
January is a good time to apply organic mulches (max 3"-6" deep) around your plants to help retain water and feed the soil. Applying mulch now will also 1) smother last year's insect eggs, spores, and weed seeds; 2) allow rain to soak in; 3) allow large pieces to break down before peak fire season. Keep organic mulches at least 30 feet away from structures.

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February is a good time to begin weed control efforts in your yard and garden. You can also carefully cut back poison oak but be sure to protect yourself from exposure.

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March is a good time to give your irrigation system a check-up. Water plants deeply and only as needed. This encourages deep roots and drought-tolerance, and discourages weeds, overgrowth, and snails.

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April is the time to start watching for nesting of birds, they generally nest from March to September. Make sure that fuel management activities do not disturb nests. Look first before cutting.

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May is a good time to start composting green waste. In addition, leaving grass clippings on your lawn as mulch provides nutrients to your soil, helps retain soil moisture, and keeps green waste out of landfills.

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June is the month to give your leaf blower a vacation; use a rake instead. Leaf blowers blow away mulch and topsoil and they contribute to air and noise pollution. They are also a fire hazard due to engine heat and sparks.

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July is the time to remind everyone that all fireworks, including the so-called “safe and sane” type, are illegal in much of San Diego County, including all federal lands. Always dangerous, fireworks are especially hazardous during dry and windy conditions.

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August is a good time to begin planning for the fall planting season. Local botanical gardens or community colleges host design classes that will help you make the most of your garden.

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September is the time to ensure that your landscape is still fire-safe. Clear your roof of fallen debris to prevent ignition from flying embers in the event of a wildfire. Maintaining your property is a year-round task.

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October is a good time to prepare for fall planting. Be sure to water plants in your defensible space and fuel management zone until regular winter rains arrive.

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November is a good time to adjust your sprinkler timer. Water when no rain is predicted or when humidity and Santa Ana winds low create the need.

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December is a good time to prepare for frost. Move tender container plants to a protected area. Plants killed by frost can become a fire hazard in the wildland-urban interface.

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