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Whether it's a vegetable garden, house plants or a landscape...

# A Garden Runs Through It

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### This month's links:

- Fruit Tree: Training and Pruning
- Fruit Tree: Pruning Overgrown Trees
- Fruit Tree: Planting/Care of Young Trees
- Frost Protection for Citrus

#### **Information Booth Locations:**

Visit us at the

Colusa Farm Show February 1, 2, 3

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#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

## How do I prune my Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Roses?

In our mild winter climate, the rule of thumb is to prune in January or before dormancy breaks. Here are some tips.



- Remove dead, diseased, old or weak canes.
- Cut the remaining canes to about 1 1/2 to 2 feet above the ground. Cut at a 45° angle just above outward-facing buds.
- If there is a hole in the center of the stem where an insect has tunneled, keep cutting the stem lower to the ground until you don't see the hole.

Don't be afraid to prune. Hybrid Tea roses benefit from heavy winter pruning and your roses will look fabulous in the spring!

Climbing, shrub and ground cover roses are pruned differently.

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#### Be a Composter

Try these composting tips:

- Put your kitchen scraps in your compost
- Use shredded paper for "browns".



## Composting Just add water and stir!

Are you a composting beginner? Don't be afraid, follow these tips. No fancy contraptions needed.

- Find a place in your yard for a pile.
- Build a pile with green and brown materials.
- Occasionally turn and add water!

For upcoming events and classes:

**Statewide Gardening Classes** 

For more information about gardening in California:

California Gardening

For more information about water wise plants:

**UC Davis Arboretum** 

For water saving tips:

Save Our Water

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