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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:

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- [Bee and Wasp Stings](#)
- [Dandelions](#)
- [Growing Tomatoes](#)

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Colusa Fairgrounds
April 2, 10-2
Griff's Feed and Seed
April 8, 10-4

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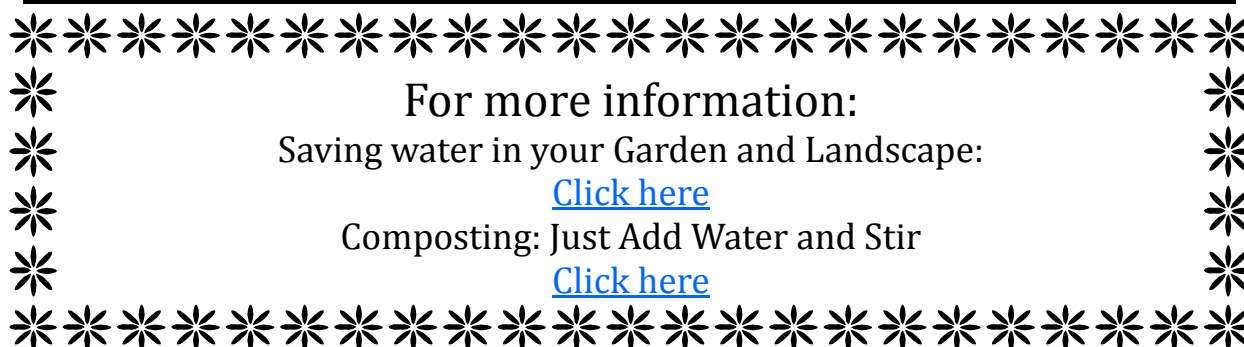


Frequently Asked Questions:

I planted \$50 of plants yesterday and today they are gone! What happened?

Since this is actually me, I know what happened, SNAILS!!
Snails and slugs rank among our most despised garden pests. Management requires a *vigilant and integrated approach* that includes eliminating moisture and hiding spots, trapping, barriers, handpicking and baits.

- Remove daytime hiding places-ivy, weedy areas, debris or boards.
- Regularly remove snails from shelter you cannot eliminate such as low ledges on fences, and undersides of decks.
- Place traps and dispose of trapped snail daily.
- Consider snail-proof plants such as impatiens, geranium, begonias, lantana, nasturtiums and many plants with stiff leaves and highly scented foliage like sage, rosemary and lavender.
- [For more information click here.](#)



For more information:

Saving water in your Garden and Landscape:

[Click here](#)

Composting: Just Add Water and Stir

[Click here](#)

Be a Composter

Try these composting tips:

- Add brown material if the pile is too wet
- Chip or grind larger material



Composting
Just add water and stir!
No fancy contraptions needed

- Compost happens, but the time varies with your level of labor
- Backyard composting allows you to recycle your yard clippings and kitchen scraps into valuable soil amendment.

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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