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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:

- [Lavenders](#)
- [Snails and Slugs](#)
- [Ants](#)
- [Bee and Wasp stings](#)
- [Dandelions](#)

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Tuesday,  
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1pm—4pm  
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## Information Booth Locations:

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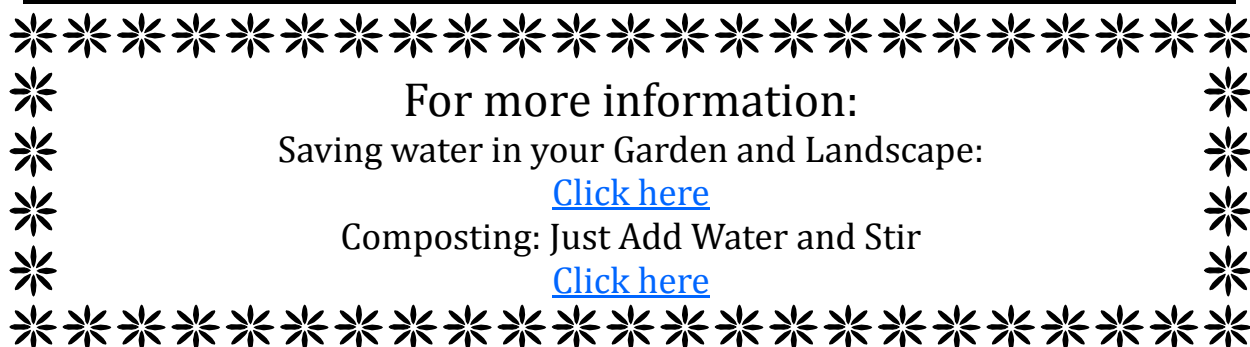
## Frequently Asked Questions:

### When should I start watering my garden?

Before you start watering, do an irrigation check up. Turn your system on and check for leaks, broken or tilted heads, holes and detached lines. Frost earlier in the year may have split your drip lines. Fix any problems.

Now to answer your question, it depends. You may have seen your neighbors watering but that does not mean you need to water. Check the soil, is it moist or dry? Is it different in the shade? Do your potted plants need water but not the entire area? Is it going to rain soon? What kind of grass do you have? Grass is resilient at this time of the year and needs very little water.

Do a can test (they are available in our office) follow the directions in the “Lawn Watering” guide. This will determine how many minutes per week for each month to water your lawn.



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 water if the pile is dry
- Turn the pile if it smells



**Composting**  
**Just add water and stir!**  
**No fancy contraptions needed**

- Make a bin using discarded pallets
- Make a bin using chicken wire

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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