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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:

- [Roses-Cultural Practices](#)
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- [Roses-Insects](#)

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9am—2pm
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Frequently Asked Questions:

I have aphids. How do I get rid of them?

Since becoming a Master Gardener I am trying different methods and this is also true for aphids.

Almost every plant has one or more aphid species that occasionally feeds on it, but low to moderate numbers of aphids are usually not damaging in gardens.

- Aphids like lush new growth.
- Ants protect aphids from natural enemies.

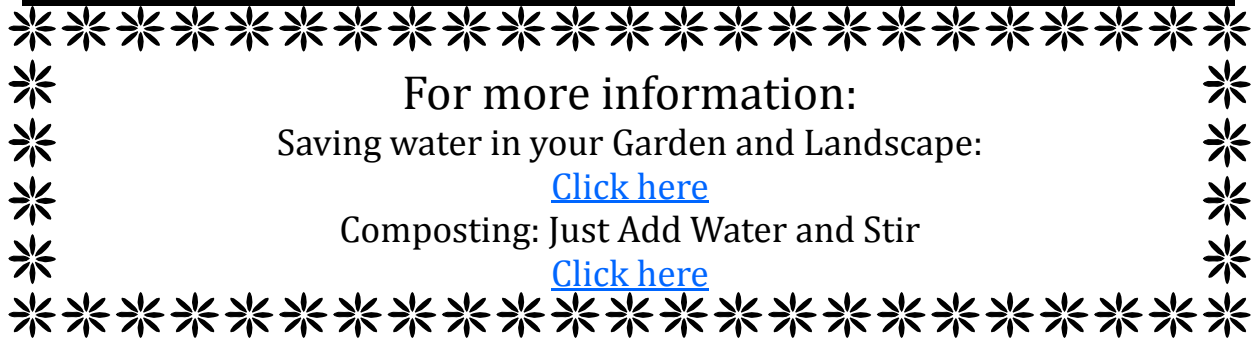
To reduce aphids:

- Prune out infested leaves and stems
- Knock populations off by shaking or spraying with a strong stream of water.
- Wait for hot weather; most aphids are heat-tolerant.
- Protect natural enemies.

If insecticides seem necessary, start with the safest.

- Insecticidal oils and soaps, soap-pyrethrum mixtures and neem oil.
- Systemic insecticides can be used on non-food plants.

For more information [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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