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

# A Garden Runs Through It

## This month's links:

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- [Broccoli](#)
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### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday,  
9am—12pm  
1pm—4pm  
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## Information Booth Locations:

Arbuckle Pumpkin Festival  
October 1, 10am-4pm

Have a question? Email us at [mgcolusa@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgcolusa@ucdavis.edu)



## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **I have heard that this is the time of the year to plant your winter vegetables. Is this right?**

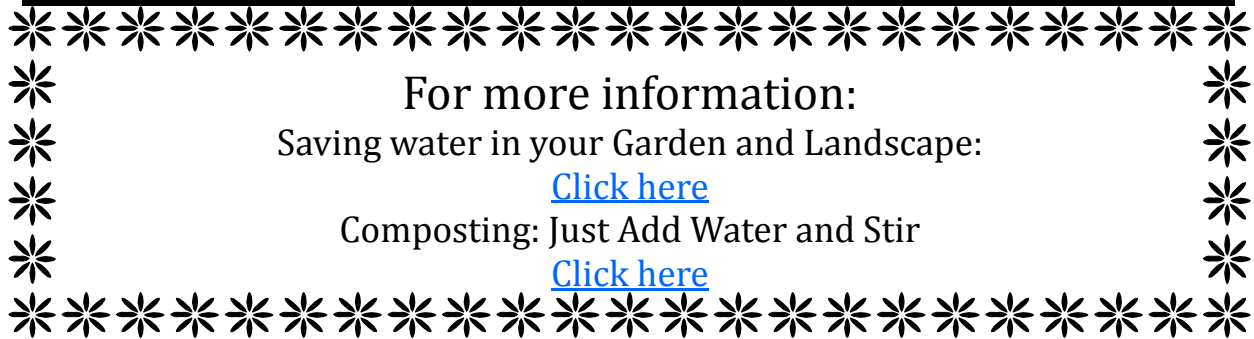
Yes, right now is the perfect time to plant your winter vegetables. Many plants such as broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and onions can be started with transplants. Carrots, lettuce, peas, radishes, onion and spinach can be easily started by seed.

Winter vegetables are easier than summer ones because mother nature takes care of the watering ,weed suppression and many insects. When you plant make sure the area will have winter sun. What is sunny now may be shady later. Until it starts to rain you will have to water.

Other veggies to try—beets, celery, kale, collards, parsnips, rhubarb, turnips.

Give it a try! What do you have to lose? Just tuck some transplants into your existing flower beds. Viola, you have an instant edible garden!

Go to the [California Gardening](#) website for lots of information. [Vegetable planting guide](#) (this may take awhile to load)



### 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 to speed up composting
- Add shredded paper



**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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