



FALL FOR OUR SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Announcing our 2019 Training Class Overview Sessions

- **South County: Saturday, September 8, 2018, 2:00 to 3:30 PM**
Goleta Valley Community Center, Room 8, 5679 Hollister Ave., Goleta 93117
- **North County: Saturday, September 15, 2018, 10:00 to 11:30 AM**
Stone Pine Hall, 210 South H Street, Lompoc 93436

Information provided! Questions answered! Refreshments served!
Important Dates

2019 Master Gardener Training Class Timeline	
DATE	EVENT
September 26, 2018	Applications due Download form here
October 10 & 17 2018	Group Interviews
October 24, 2018	Notification of Acceptance Sent
November 7, 2018	Kick-Off & First Class Meeting, 1:00 to 4:30 PM
January 9 – May 8, 2019	Training Classes on Wednesdays, 1:00 to 4:30 PM 17 weekly classes except February 13 & April 10, 2019
May 15, 2019	Graduation

Note: attendance at training classes is mandatory—only one excused absence permitted!



[Find more details about becoming a Master Gardener on our website](#)

An Invitation from the

UC Master Gardener Program of Santa Barbara County



Victory Vegetable Gardening Classes for *True* Beginners

September 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2018

10:00AM - 1:00PM

COST: \$35.00 materials fee

LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS

REGISTER ONLINE HERE:

<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=25238>

This program offers 12 hours of instruction to be held on four consecutive Saturdays from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Carpinteria Garden Park, 4855 Fifth Street, Carpinteria.

Participants who complete all four sessions will be awarded a Certificate of Completion from the UC Master Gardener Program.

Questions? Contact the Master Gardener Helpline
Phone: 805-893-3485 Email: anrmgsb@ucanr.edu

**Learn the essentials
of vegetable
gardening**

**Both instruction and
hands-on activities**

Topics include:

- 1) Gardening Basics**
- 2) Healthy Soil**
- 3) Plant Selection,
Propagation and Care**
- 4) Pest and Disease
Management**

**Registration Opens
August 6, 2018
Registration Closes
August 31, 2018**



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September Gardening Guide

WHAT TO PLANT

Vegetables: Seedlings of beets, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, green onions, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce and salad mixes, radishes, rutabaga, spinach, sugar snap peas, turnips. Also artichoke and strawberries plants can go in, as well as onion sets. **Note:** Veggies planted in the fall need *at least* 8 hours daily of full sun.

Herbs: Seedlings of chives, cilantro, lavender, lemon grass, parsley, rosemary, winter savory, salad burnet.



Ornamentals: Annuals—alyssum, calendula, cornflower, forget-me-not, larkspur, sweet pea, viola. Perennials—seedlings of campanula, candytuft, catmint, coreopsis, delphinium, dianthus, penstemon, phlox, salvia, hollyhocks, yarrow. Plant six-packs of fall-blooming mums and asters.

Bulbs—western natives such as Mariposa lily and wild hyacinth, as well as crocosmia, nerine and Sparaxis. Plant freesia and daffodil bulbs now; purchase tulip, crocus and hyacinth bulbs now and chill in refrigerator for 6-8 weeks before planting



WATER

California natives do not need water as they are still “resting” and awaiting winter rains. Use of mulch in planted beds can be helpful to slow moisture loss due to evaporation, but be sure to keep mulch well away from plant stems and trunks.

ALERT: All mulch is combustible! Studies have shown that composted wood chips have the least hazardous fire behavior, while rubber mulch creates the highest flame height and temperature. For more information, read UC’s “Homeowner’s Fire Mitigation Guide” <http://ucanr.edu/sites/Wildfire/>

The most critical irrigation period for avocados is from the first flush of growth in the spring until the young fruit reaches a diameter of at least 1 inch. We recommend “Growing Avocados in Ventura County” as an excellent resource for backyard growers. http://ceventura.ucanr.edu/Com_Ag/Subtropical/Avocado_Handbook/



Tip: Consider using a simple soil moisture meter to check the level of water hidden deep in the soil. It’s the only reliable way to accurately gauge conditions well beneath the surface before irrigating, which can be quite different from the soil you can see.

FEED

Most mature citrus require regular fertilization with nitrogen in January or February just prior to bloom. The second application then can be applied in May and perhaps a third in June but avoid late-season fertilization as it may affect fruit quality, delay fruit coloring, and make the rind rough. Dwarf plants or trees in containers with restricted root space may require less fertilizer. For more on citrus culture, visit http://homeorchard.ucanr.edu/Fruits_&_Nuts/Citrus/



CONTROL

Look out for spider mites and white flies, which can be particularly evident during the warm days and nights of this transitional month. For more information on controlling these and other garden pests, visit

<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/menu.homegarden.html>

TASKS

Oleander, lantana and bougainvillea can be pruned this month so they'll have time to recover before winter. Look for many non-native plants to spring back to life in the slightly cooler weather

Clean up fallen fruit underneath trees to prevent disease contamination and to remove food sources for vertebrate pests. Most dropped fruit can be composted, except for citrus, which should especially be avoided in worm bins.

Remember, September is the best time of year to plant anything and everything in Santa Barbara County, so get out in your garden and start planting today!

[Find more monthly gardening tips on our website](#)

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