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

A Garden Runs Through It

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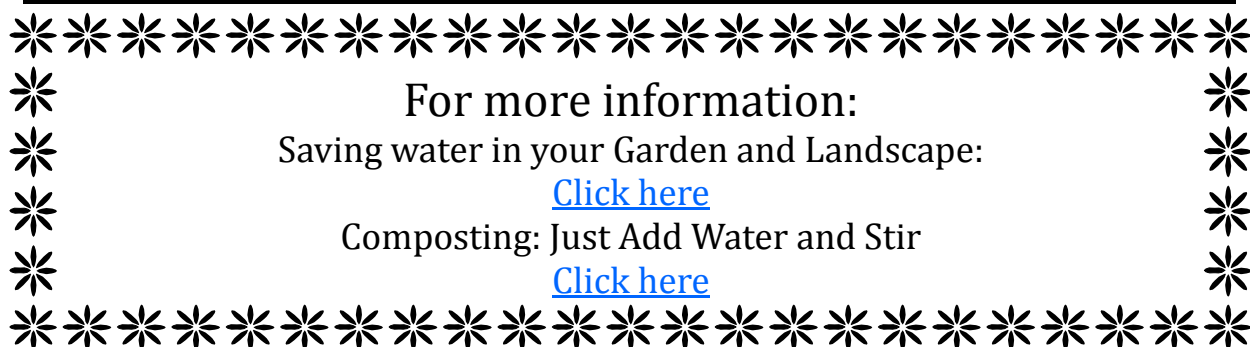
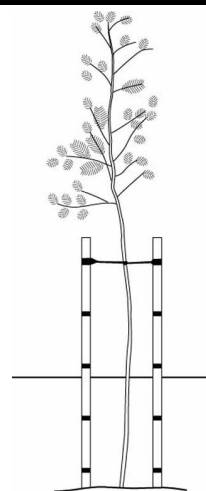
Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I stake my new tree?

To determine if your newly purchased tree requires support staking, remove the nursery stake. If the tree stands upright on its own, you should not stake it.

However if the trunk flops over, place two stakes in the ground outside the root ball on opposite sides of the tree so that prevailing winds will blow through the stakes. Starting about 2 ft above the ground, use two fingers, one on either side, to support the trunk. Move your fingers slowly up the trunk until the tree stands upright. Flexible ties that allow movement should go 6 inches above this point. Cut the stakes 2 to 3 inches above the ties so that the trunk will not be damaged by blowing into or rubbing on the stakes. Check the ties regularly to make sure they are not constricting the trunk.

Remove stakes and ties as soon as they are no longer needed.



For more information:

Saving water in your Garden and Landscape:

[Click here](#)

Composting: Just Add Water and Stir

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Be a Composter

Try these composting tips:

- Use coffee grounds and filters for greens.
- Use egg shells for browns.



Composting

Just add water and stir!

Are you a composting beginner? Don't be afraid, follow these tips. No fancy contraptions needed.

- Find a place in your yard for a pile.
- Build a pile with green and brown materials.
- Occasionally turn and add water!

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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