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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:

- Ants
- Birds on Tree Fruits
- California Ground Squirrel

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Frequently Asked Questions:

My green waste only picks up every other week but I have enough grass clippings for every week! Help!

Well, there are several things you can do.

- 1. Water less—You can water less and still have a beautiful lawn. The Master Gardeners can help you determine your lawn's proper water needs.
- 2. Compost—Composting is a great way to turn grass clippings and other material into brown gold for your yard. When done right compost does not smell or look unsightly. The Master Gardeners can help you build a compost pile.
- 3. Reduce lawn—You can reduce your lawn size and plant water wise yet beautiful plants. Ask a Master Gardener about water wise plants.
- 4. Irrigation system—Install an efficient irrigation system for your lawn and flower beds. Ask a Master Gardener about drip systems.



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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