

Prep Your Spring Garden Resources:

- Master Gardener Santa Clara County, <http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/contact-us/>
- **Sign up for our monthly newsletter for Garden Tips**
- Visiting our demo gardens for ideas, <http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/demonstration-gardens/>
- Going Native Garden Tour, <http://gngt.org/GNGT/HomeRO.php>
- Of 24 climate zones defined in the Sunset Western Garden Book and the 20 zones defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), California has 20 and 16, respectively. http://cagardenweb.ucanr.edu/Your_Climate_Zone/
- Weed Control:
 - Removing weeds before setting seeds
 - Removing while soil still moist
 - Be patient and persistent.
- DIY Cardboard Mulching/Sheet Mulching, <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/dirt/index.cfm?tagname=sheet%20mulching>
- Annual vs Perennial Plants
 - Trimming frost damage plants to stimulate spring growth
 - Thinning fruits to increase fruit sizes and reduce damage from heavy branches
- Air vs Soil Temperatures
- Direct seed vs. Transplants
 - Santa Clara County Planting Chart, <http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/garden-help/vegetables/>
 - Fruit Trees (chill hours), <http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu/garden-help/fruits-nuts/>
 - Garden Catalogs
- How to protect young tree trunk, <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/GARDEN/ENVIRON/whitewashing.html>
- Good bugs vs. Bad bugs
 - UC IPM: Integrated Pest Management, http://ipm.ucanr.edu/IPMPROJECT/ADS/poster_naturalenemies.html,
 - UC Pest Notes, <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7404.html>
- Free monthly class on Compost and Worm Compost Workshop, http://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Home_Composting_Education/
- Fertilizer (Nitrogen, N :Phosphorous, P :Potassium, K)
 - Read label and follow directions
 - Three numbers represent N:P:K in percentage, e.g., 5:3:4 means 5% nitrogen, 3%phosphorous, and 4%potassium in the fertilizer bag.