



SYLVAN RANCH COMMUNITY GARDEN

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December Newsletter



Included in this Month's Edition

- News, Events, & Contacts
- Plant of the Month
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Achievements, Contacts, & Upcoming Events

News

- ▶ Topsoil available in the garden, please help yourself. Great to increase water holding capacity in garden beds.
- ▶ If not planting a Fall/Winter Garden, please prepare your garden for the rainy season

Upcoming Events:

- ▶ Board Meeting - December 11th, 6:30p-8:00p
- ▶ Garden Improvement Day - December (Cancelled)
- ▶ Board Meeting - January 8th, 6:30p-8:00p
- ▶ Garden Improvement Day - January 17th, 9:00a-11:00a
- ▶ Garden Application Renewal Due Date- February 6th, 2026
 - ▶ All Garden Application renewals will be reviewed according to consistent and active participation in the "Contributing to the Community Garden Improvement" program.

Contacts:

- ▶ Emergency Water Contacts
 - ▶ Chuck Benward- (916) 671-9156
 - ▶ Gene Bowman- (916) 524-4511
- ▶ General Garden Inquiries
 - ▶ Website: Sylvanranchgarden.org
 - ▶ Applications
 - ▶ Rules
 - ▶ Memberships



Plant of the Month

Onions

- ▶ Grow with sets or seeds
 - ▶ Sets- small bulbs easy to plant and typically mature in 14wks
 - ▶ Seeds- most cost savings, easiest to start indoors (soil temp to be at least 50F), more varieties easily available
- ▶ Full Sun
- ▶ Soil- well draining, loose no compact, mix compost in
- ▶ Heavy feeders of nutrients, prefer fertilizing and compost
- ▶ Planting about 2-6” apart about 1-2” below the soil



Jobs for the Month

- ▶ Harvest Fall started Broccoli and early veggies
- ▶ Weed in and around planter boxes
- ▶ Plant Winter Veggies
- ▶ Rake fallen leaves

Pests & Diseases to Watch for

- ▶ Powdery mildew can spray with fungicide, Milk/water mix, or remove leaves
- ▶ Aphids
 - ▶ Remove with strong hose water, lady bugs, or Dish Soap Water



Garden Photos



Sacramento Vegetable Planting Guide

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Asparagus	P											P
Beans, fava												
Beans, lima												
Beans, snap												
Beets												
Bok choy (pak choi)	P								P	P	P	P
Broccoli		P	P						P			
Broccoli rabe												
Brussels sprouts							P		P			
Cabbage		P							P			
Cabbage, Chinese		P										
Carrots												
Cauliflower		P	P						P			
Celeriac												
Celery						P	P		P	P	P	
Chard, Swiss												
Chives			P	P	P	P						
Collards												
Corn												
Cucumbers												
Eggplant				P	P	P						
Endive												
Fennel, Florence									P	P	P	
Garlic												
Jicama												
Kale		P								P	P	P
Kohlrabi									P	P	P	
Leeks		P	P	P		P						
Lettuce, head												
Lettuce, leaf									P	P	P	P
Melons												
Mustard												
Okra												
Onion seeds										P		
Onion sets												
Parsley root												
Parsnips												
Peas									P	P	P	
Peppers				P	P							
Potatoes, sweet				P	P	P						
Potatoes, white												
Pumpkins												
Radicchio												
Radish												
Radish, daikon												
Rutabaga												
Shallots												
Soybean, edamame												
Spinach												
Squash, summer												
Squash, winter												
Tomatoes				P	P	P						
Turnips												
Watermelon												

Start in sheltered area | Direct seed in the garden | Set out plants or transplants | P

Based on information from the UC Davis Vegetable Research and Information Center (vric.ucdavis.edu) and UCCE Sacramento County Master Gardeners.

Sacramento Flower Planting Guide

Plant	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Alyssum		Start indoors		Direct seed in the garden								
Aster	Start indoors	Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden			Start indoors				
Baby's breath	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden							Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors
Calendula	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden							Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors
California poppy	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden							Direct seed in the garden			
Celosia			Direct seed in the garden									
Cleome	Start indoors	Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden							
Coleus	Start indoors	Start indoors							Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors
Cornflower	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden						Direct seed in the garden			
Echinacea	Start indoors											Start indoors
Cosmos		Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden									
Forget-me-not	Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden							Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors
Four o'clocks			Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden						
Foxglove									Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Start indoors	
Gomphrena			Direct seed in the garden									
Hollyhock	Start indoors	Start indoors							Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden		
Larkspur	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden						Direct seed in the garden			
Marigold		Start indoors	Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden								
Morning glory				Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden						
Nasturtium		Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden							Direct seed in the garden		
Nicotiana	Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden									
Nigella										Direct seed in the garden		
Periwinkle		Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden									
Poppy									Direct seed in the garden			
Portulaca			Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Start indoors					Direct seed in the garden		
Rudbeckia												
Salvia		Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden			Start indoors	Start indoors			
Scabiosa			Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden					Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden
Snapdragon	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden						Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors
Stock	Start indoors								Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden	Start indoors	Start indoors
Sunflower			Start indoors	Direct seed in the garden								
Sweet pea									Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden	
Verbena	Start indoors		Direct seed in the garden	Direct seed in the garden					Start indoors	Start indoors		
Viola									Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors	Start indoors
Zinnia			Direct seed in the garden									

Start indoors— 

Direct seed in the garden— 