

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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“You are my sunshine, my only sunshine...” It never rains in southern California and “the rain in Spain stays mostly on the plain.”

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There are a lot of rain songs, and if we don't get more this winter, we'll be singing the blues, instead of singing in the rain. If you aren't aware of this by now, then you've been in the cone of silence a little too long.

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We are currently experimenting with an irrigation controller that analyzes weather information and adjusts the watering time accordingly. This concept has been out for years, but the technology has now made these types of controller more affordable and easier to operate. We will keep you informed on how our experiment goes.

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I'm still looking for the silver lining in the recession cloud. Oh yeah, gas prices are temporarily down! Consequently, everything related to gas has gone down too, pretty much. I hope everyone is weathering the recession storm without too much hardship. We still have free firewood available at our yard if that helps. Bring your own truck and we will help you load – one truck per customer.

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Every once in a while I give a list of drought tolerant plants. Just remember to water them well until they are established. Then you can cut back the water. I would say give them a one-year establishment period.

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GROUNDCOVER

- ROSEMARY
- RED APPLE
- ICE PLANT
- PYOPORUM
- HORIZONTALIS
- HYPREICUM
- SEDUM
- ARCTOTHECA
- CALENDULA
- FESTUCA BLUE
- CALIFORNIA POPPY
- LANTANA
- VERBENA
- ASPARAGUS FERN

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SHRUBS

- RAPHIOLEPIS
- PLUMBAGO
- CAPE HONEYSUCKLE
- ARCTOSTAPHYLLUS
- CEANOTHOS
- STATICE
- JUNIPERS
- ABIELA
- JAPANESE BOXWOOD
- COTONEASTER
- ELEAGNUS
- EUONYMUS

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TREES

- OAK
- OLIVE
- MYOPORUM
- SYCAMORE
- YUCCA
- ALDER
- PINE
- ITAIAN CYPRESS
- BRAZILIAN PEPPER
- POMEGRANATE
- MELALEUCA
- EUCALYPTUS

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