

# APRIL NEWSLETTER

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### New: Water Restrictions

By an overwhelming majority, the California State Legislature has voted to restrict all water usage to only one day per week, for all Southern California Counties Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Anyone caught watering any other day will be subject to water boarding by the governor himself! (April Fools!) Sorry, I just couldn't help myself.

### April Fools!

Now on a more serious note... The state assembly really did pass a bill last week to cut per capita water usage by 20% by 2020. Even though we have above average rain and snowfall, the water restrictions remain in place.



There are a lot of different factors that could be signs of the recession easing up. Though in some sectors we're still seeing evidence that the recession is getting worse, a few rays of hope are starting to shine through. CNN money reports that companies are starting to recall previously laid-off workers, giving them their old jobs back. This is a good sign that economic conditions are improving. Paired with the stable unemployment rate, I'd say there's definitely potential for some prosperous days ahead.

### It's Nesting Time!

Watch out for nesting birds while trimming trees this spring! Some birds like the Great Horned Owl or Anna Humming Birds have already laid eggs. Birds lay eggs through spring and into summer. I have advised our trimmers to leave nests alone! Even empty nests should be avoided, because grandpa and grandma may just be on a cruise and will be back soon.

Common Hyacinth (*Hyacinthus orientalis*), whose flowers open fully and look like little starfish, should not be confused with common grape Hyacinth flowers (*Muscari botryoides*)



Hyacinths are spring-flowering bulbs with long, narrow leaves that are folded lengthwise. Hyacinths are highly fragrant flowers that bloom in dense clusters.

National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday of the month of April. This year's Arbor Day will be recognized on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. Coincidentally this is also my wives birthday! Since I am a certified arborist, and have been around trees for so long, I am conflicted as to which event should take center stage. After all, Arbor Day has been around for a lot longer than my wife. It was founded officially by Sterling J. Morton in 1872. Arbor Day or Arbor and Bird Day has gathered considerable recognition both nationally and worldwide, while my wives birthday is only celebrated by family and friends, and will probably never reach the popularity of Arbor and or Bird Day. My wives friends insist that I must give my wife 100% priority over Arbor Day. However my fellow arborists would like to celebrate Arbor Day with them at various community locations. I guess flipping a coin would be the most logical way to figure this out. I will let you know how it goes.



# Happy Easter!