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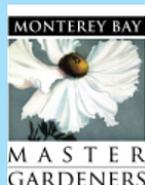
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Your Gardening Event Planner

The UC Master Gardeners of Monterey Bay website now has a spot to list gardening events in Santa Cruz and Monterey county. Help us keep it up-to-date by submitting information on events not included on the list. Spread the word!
mbmg.ucanr.edu.



Get the Information You Want

The UC Master Gardeners of Monterey Bay website is the first place to look when you have a question about events, training, gardening tips, are looking for resource publications, articles or the latest organization news. Check it out:
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The UC Master

The Plant Doctor

By Steve Tjosvold
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A column that describes and discusses the management of current plant diseases, pests and disorders found in Monterey Bay Area landscapes and gardens.

Powdery mildew is a common disease on many types of plants, and they are usually very well adapted to the climate of the Monterey Bay Area. Powdery mildew fungi tend to infect either host plants in the same family or only one species of plant.



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You can recognize this disease by the white powdery appearance caused by the fungal filaments and spore growth on leaf surfaces and shoots and sometimes on

Gardener Training Program 2016

We are now accepting applications for the next UC Master Gardener training class starting in January 2016. For further information and to complete an application, visit our website at:

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UC Master Gardeners of Monterey Bay Hotline

Have a garden question?

Call or visit our

Gardening Hotline

9 am to noon M-W-F

at UCCE,

1430 Freedom Blvd., Suite E

Watsonville

831-763-8007

or

email your questions to:

Hotline@mbmgs.org

Who We Are

The University of California Master Gardener Program provides the public with UC research-based information about home horticulture, sustainable landscape and pest management practices. To find out more go to:

mbmg.ucanr.edu



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flowers and fruits. Powdery mildews may infect new or old foliage. This disease can be serious on woody species such as rose, crape myrtle, and sycamore where it attacks new growth including buds, shoots, flowers, and leaves. New growth may be dwarfed, distorted, and covered with a white, powdery growth such as found on coast live oak. Infected leaves generally die and drop from the plant earlier than healthy leaves.

[READ THE REST OF THIS ARTICLE at mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu)

Herbs: a Simple, Easy, Low-Water Bee Garden

One simple way to create a bee garden is to plant an herb garden. Not only will you help the bees, you'll have fresh herbs for cooking the food that bee pollination has provided. Let your herbs flower and you're all set; cut the flowers off as they fade to ensure repeat bloom. An added benefit is that many common Mediterranean-climate herbs are fairly low water users.

While herbs generally bloom in the summer and early fall, rosemary and borage bloom in the winter and early spring, respectively. Include these in your bee herb garden to maximize the resources you are providing. Herbs currently flowering at the Haven include basil, oregano, catnip, calamint, and rosemary.

READ MORE at:
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Easy Calculators for Estimating Landscape Water Needs

There are calculators that generate water demand estimates for different types of established lawns/turf and landscape plants, whether the water is supplied by precipitation, irrigation, or a combination. The calculators are based on field research findings and offer estimated amounts of water particular types of plants require in order to provide acceptable landscape performance.

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- Susan Brown, UC Master Gardener

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