

SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER

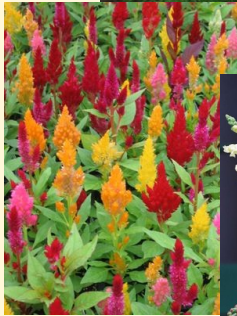
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On Sale

Now thru July 31!

Jumbo Annual Color

Six-packs \$1.99!

New Wave-Rave™ Spreading Petunias- Limited Supply quart size just \$2.25!

We have a limited supply of Wave Blue Spreading Petunia.

This series is the lowest growing (4-6") in the Ride The Wave™ family and one of the easiest to grow in the garden or containers. It spreads out, making a beautiful ground-hugging carpet of color from Spring to Fall.

Plant 12 in. apart and watch it spread up to 3-4 ft.

These plants are perfect for garden beds, baskets, planters and window boxes.



One of the most common questions we've received lately here at the Garden Center is

What will the deer NOT eat?

Young deer are often curious and will try just about anything in your garden. The older deer learn what they like and dislike, and tend to be a little more picky. However at times when food is limited, the deer are forced to be less picky and are more likely to eat even the most deer



Urban Black-Tailed Deer

resistant plants. No plants are truly *deer proof*. But there are a few that come close. This is usually due to the toxicity or texture of the plant. Oleander and Potato Vine are examples of poisonous plants that deer don't usually want anything to do with. They are also very unlikely to eat **Breath of Heaven, most Ferns, Lavender, Tea tree, Phormium, Rosemary, Yarrow, Chrysanthemum, Erigeron, Euphorbia, Euryops, and Bottle Brush**, just to name a few. However this can change season to season, deer to deer, and vary with the age of the plant.

But what about the rest of your yard?



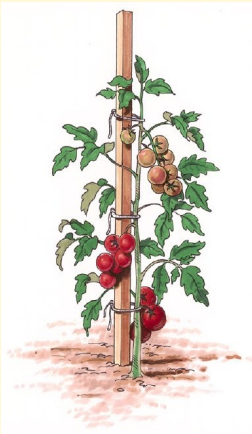
Many people have experienced success at keeping the deer away with a product called **Liquid Fence**. It's an environmentally safe, all natural, biodegradable repellent. It does not harm the deer and is safe for use around kids and pets. It works by scent. The main ingredients are putrescent egg solids and garlic, so it may not smell so great at first, but once it dries it is not noticeable to humans, but very noticeable to the deer and rabbits. Liquid Fence is available in a ready-to-use spray or a concentrate.

Stop by the Garden Center for a complete "deer resistant" plant list.

What to do in your Garden...

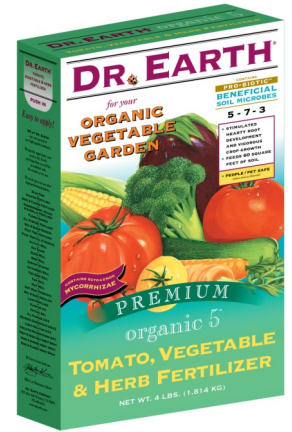
Water When temperatures rise, adjust your automatic irrigation systems to water more often if needed and as your water district allows. Deeply irrigate mature fruiting and most ornamental trees every other week (every week in hot inland areas). Mature drought-tolerant trees need deep watering only once a month or so.

Check sprinklers Turn on the irrigation system and inspect sprinklers to see if they're working properly. Replace any broken heads (often indicated by spouting water). If a head is bubbling or squirting irregularly, it may just be clogged or not sealed correctly; check slits for dirt or small pebbles before replacing the head.



Care for tomatoes Stake or place wire cages over tomato plants so the vining stems are supported as they grow and the fruit won't spoil if it rests on the ground. Feed the plants with a low-nitrogen fertilizer when the fruit starts to develop (too much nitrogen encourages rampant foliage rather than more fruit). Take care not to overwater—check the soil before watering, and keep it damp but not

soggy. Mulch the tomato plants to conserve moisture.



Dr. Earth Organic Tomato Fertilizer \$8.99

Prune hedges To keep a mature hedge from getting any bigger, trim it after the spring growth flush ends, cutting back the new growth close to its point of origin. Taper the sides of the hedge so that the bottom is wider than the top; that way, sunlight will reach the base of the hedge and the lowest branches won't die back.

Water and feed roses Keep the soil moist to the full depth of the roots, about 16 inches, watering deeply every 7 to 10 days or whenever the soil is dry at a depth of 3 inches. If you haven't done so already, apply a 2-inch layer of mulch to conserve water and fertilize.

Control powdery mildew Dry summer conditions are perfect for this white fungal disease, which forms on both sides of leaves. Cosmos, crape myrtles, delphiniums, and roses can be quite susceptible to it, especially if growing in shade. Treat with a plant-based oil such as neem oil or jojoba oil.



Ready-to-Use Bonide Tomato & Vegetable 3in1 for ORGANIC Gardening-Insecticide, Fungicide, Miticide 32oz. \$10.99



Safer Brand Garden Fungicide- Controls Rust, Mildew & Black Spot 32oz. \$8.49

Create a border to attract beneficials Keep your vegetable plot healthy this summer by planting flowers nearby that attract beneficial insects. Good options include coreopsis, cosmos, goldenrod, marigolds, verbena, sunflowers, and yarrow.

Protect oaks Make sure the ground under the canopy of mature native California oaks gets no irrigation, summer watering can kill these trees. The danger of root rot is greatest when you water close to the trunk. If you can't keep the entire area under the tree dry, be sure no water gets within 10 feet of the trunk.

Mulch If you didn't already do so in spring, spread a 2- to 4-inch layer of organic matter (such as fine or shredded bark) over garden beds now to conserve moisture, cool plant roots, and discourage weeds. To prevent rot, don't pile it against stems and trunks. Compost makes a great mulch and feeds your plants every time you water!



Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost
Organic, long-lasting ingredients including chicken manure, bat guano & kelp meal make an excellent fortified natural soil amendment. Improves drainage, promotes healthy root growth & adds valuable micro-nutrients to the soil. **Great for mulching** or seed top-dressing for new or existing lawns. 3 cubic feet \$9.99

Did you know Seaside Garden Center carries bulk materials?

- Top Soil \$38/yd
- Compost \$30/yd
- Bark \$58.99/yd
- Pea Gravel \$45/yd
- Gorilla Hair \$54/yd
- Decomposed Granite \$70/yd

NEW! We've just opened our San Jose location!

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Construction update...



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Current Events

July 24 Saturday 1:30pm-4pm Monterey Peninsula Water Management District presents 'Laundry to Landscape' Greywater Training –Learn how to install a simple Laundry to Landscape Greywater System in your own home. Oldemeyer Center 986 Hilby in Seaside. This event is free, but you must reserve your seat. Call 658-5601

July 24 Saturday 9:30am Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Discover Kahn Ranch -This annex to Garland, tucked in on the southeastern end of the park, boasts diverse plant life and beautiful vistas. Meet in the Kahn Ranch parking lot for a 2-3 hour hike on the Hitchcock Loop. Elevation gain: 1,100 ft. Distance: 3.7 miles. Bring water, snack, and hiking shoes with good traction—no sneakers allowed. Call Debbie Wyatt at 659-6065 www.mprpd.org

July 30 Friday 10:30am-12pm Monterey Bay Master Gardeners Historic Garden Tours Tours start at Casa del Oro Memory Gardens at Pacific and Scott streets, Monterey. Visit the gardens associated with Old Monterey Historic Adobes. For reservations, call 649-3364 and leave a message. \$5 donation

July 31 Saturday 10am-2pm Monterey Bay Rose Society Two-hour Workshop and BBQ at the MBRS Display Garden in the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. In lieu of our garden tours, we will be having a Workshop/BBQ at the MBRS Display Garden. Because this is a food event, we are asking all participants to pre-register by July 29, either by contacting Joe Truskot at jtruskot@comcast.net or sending payment directly to: Summer Fun, MBRS, P.O. Box 1766, Soquel, CA 95073. \$10.00

August 7 Saturday 11am-12pm Water Wise Garden Design at Seaside Garden Center
FREE Seminar Learn the benefits of using Natives and Native Grasses as turf alternatives. Plus the importance of xeriscaping (gardening with less water)

September 12 Sunday Sustainable-Seaside Garden Tour More information to follow...

Third Sunday Every Month 11am-2pm California Native Plant Society Soberanes Weed Bash
Volunteers help restore coastal habitats by removing invasive plants such as Cape ivy from one of Monterey County's most beautiful coastal locations. Easy or difficult tasks depending on your mood. The project site is 7 miles south of Hwy 1 but we meet at the Rio Rd. Park n Ride next to the Black Bear Diner across from the Chevron gas station. Then we carpool 7 miles south of Carmel River in consideration of everyone's needs and schedules. Bring water, wear gardening type, layered clothing, closed-toed and sturdy shoes, and wear long-sleeves and pants. Healthy and delicious snacks are provided. Contact Jan at 831.236.0905 or janshriner@comcast.net or Bruce at bdelgado61@gmail.com or 831.277.7690

First Saturday Every Month 1pm-4pm California Native Plant Society French Broom Weed Bash
East Side of Point Lobos State Reserve. For more info contact janshriner@comcast.net or 831-236-0905
We'll use several techniques to remove French broom and help restore this area that wants to thrive with native plants. Meet at 1pm in Carmel on Rio Rd. in the Park n' Ride in front of the now-closed Black Bear Diner (across from the Chevron Gas Station) one block from Hwy 1. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack.

As always, we welcome your questions and comments:
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