



UC Master Gardener Program of Santa Barbara County's quarterly newsletter

The Santa Barbara County Bounty

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Victory Vegetable Gardening for TRUE Beginners

Registration closes at 5:00pm on 9/7.

What: From site selection to pest control to harvest, this series covers reliable gardening basics—and fact-based resources—to help beginners confidently grow their own food!

When: Four Saturdays, 10AM-12PM

- September 11
- September 18
- September 25
- October 02

Where: Online. Register by Tuesday at 5PM at ucanr.edu/sbmg

Garden Talks

What: Discover interesting, useful, research-based gardening tips!

When: One Monday each month from 7PM-8PM

- Sep. 13, Food Harvest & Storage
- Oct. 4, Home Composting
- Nov. 1, Native Plants
- Dec. 6, Water-Wise Gardening

Where: Online. Register for the next talk at ucanr.edu/sbmg

Have home gardening questions?

Ask a UC Master Gardener!

Email: anrsbmg@ucanr.edu

Online: ucanr.edu/sbmg-help

Fall is around the corner...

Check out our [month-by-month garden guide](#) for tips on what to grow! Veggies planted in the fall need at least 8 hours daily of full sun.

Fall is a time of harvest for many home gardeners. [Register online](#) to learn best practices for harvesting & storing your homegrown bounty! September 13 at 7PM.

Notorious Pests Sighted in Santa Barbara County

- **Threat to Citrus Trees:** Asian Citrus Psyllid, or ACP (*Diaphorina citri*) can transmit a deadly citrus disease named Huanglongbing or HLB ("citrus greening disease"). The pest (ACP) is in Santa Barbara County, but the disease (HLB) is not...yet. **Inspect your trees for ACP** to help our local growers! Learn more: californiacitrusthreat.org
- **The BFF you don't want:** The Black Fig Fly (*Silba adipata*) was first detected in California/Santa Barbara



Photo: H. Wilson

County in June 2021. Adult BFFs lay eggs in unripe figs, which larvae exit through a small hole. *Help prevent the BFF's spread: Please don't move locally grown fig fruit from Santa Barbara County.* Report observations of this pest by calling the **CDFA Pest Hotline** at 1-800-491-1899 or by visiting the site below: www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/reportapest/.

- **Small Beetle, Big Problem:** Invasive Shothole Borers (ISHB) are small beetles that carry a deadly disease called Fusarium Dieback (FD). ISHB-FD infects [hundreds of tree species](#) and has killed thousands of trees in SoCal. It's moving north in our county, with increasing detections in the Santa Ynez area.



[Click here](#) for a short video about ISHB in Santa Barbara County, courtesy the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.