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Winter In the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at the Humboldt Botanical Garden

By June Walsh, UCCE Master Gardener



Magnolia denudata
Photo by J. Walsh, UC Master Gardener

From the cold, rainy day in March 2008 when we planted the 28 *Magnolia denudata* tree Allée in the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden, we knew that winter would hold special promise for this garden. Over the next 8 years, we have added many winter flowering trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. [READ MORE](#)

It's Alive! The wonder of 'hot' composting.

By Birgitte Elbeck, UCCE Master Gardener



Starting a compost pile in winter may not be at the top of your to-do list, but it may be just the thing you need to beat the winter doldrums. Your reward will be more fertile soil that will support bigger and healthier plants in next summer's garden. [READ MORE](#)

Advice to Grow By – When do I harvest Meyer Lemons?

By Annie Sicotte, UCCE Master Gardener



Q. I have a Meyer lemon tree that has been covered with fruit for months, but not all of them are turning yellow. The fruit looks to be mature size, but some are still dark green. Recently, my tree has started to bloom again. Is this normal? Can I harvest the lemons even if they have not turned yellow?

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Winter Weeds, Slugs, and Snails

By Annie Sicotte, UCCE Master Gardener



Flowers and veggies lingered in my garden this year, encouraged by the mild autumn weather. Then came the holidays, followed by rain. So much for Fall Garden tasks and cleanup chores. Between rainstorms in January, I walked around the garden amazed at how quickly the ground turned from golden fall leaves to a green carpet. [READ MORE](#)



What's Bugging Me? – I can name that worm in four clues. How about you?

By Lisa Nedlan, UCCE Master Gardener

Match the clue to the Worm's Image. Place an X in the appropriate column.

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Winterize Your Garden

By Tom Schrader, UCCE Master Gardener

Winter is here. Put your garden to bed for winter and prepare your garden for the dropping temperatures and wet season. Here are tips from the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. [READ MORE](#)

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