

GARDEN CARE SCHEDULE*	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
WHEN TO PLANT IN SO CAL VALLEYS (Little to no frost)												
annuals (wildflowers)	XXX XX									X XXX XXX		
perennials	XXX X											
shrubs and trees	XXX XX									X XXX XXX		
desert plants (more accepting of summer water)	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX X				XXX XXX XXX		
riparian plants, require water year around (still best to avoid summer planting)	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX					XXX XXX XXX		
WEED												
Weed (year around, special attention in spring)	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX
heaviest work		X XXX	XXX XXX	XXX X								
spurge, summer annuals, warm season growers					XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX			
cool season growers, mustard, pop weed, etc.	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX								XXX XXX
PRUNE (General rules: evergreen- prune after bloom period; deciduous trees - prune while dormant; evergreen oaks - prune when growth has slowed down late summer, many plants develop denser forms if pinched back when young)												
Arctostaphylos (bloom period to early summer, before new buds set)				XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XX						
Baccharis pilularis (severe pruning/high mowing)		XXX										
Berberis, Mahonia (remove older branches to ground)	XXX				X X						X XXX	
Ceanothus, Ribes and other spring flowering (after bloom)					X XXX							
Epilobium (cut back hard after bloom, pinch in spring)	XXX		XXX								X XXX	
Eriogonum fasciculatum (deadhead after blooming, lightly head back in fall)										XXX XXX	XXX XXX	
Mimulus (cut back in late fall, remove flower stems after bloom)					XXX						XXX XXX	
Muhlenbergia rigens, warm season grasses (cut back before new growth)			XX XXX									
Nassella, cool season grasses (cut back when dormant, before new growth)	XXX										XX XXX	
Pinus (winter months when sap doesn't flow - bark beetle)	XXX XXX											XX
Quercus agrifolia, Evergreen Oaks (selective pruning)							XX XXX X					
Quercus lobata, Deciduous oaks and other deciduous trees (when dormant)												XX
Rhus ovata, R. integrifolia (can be sheared)	XXX									X XXX	XXX	
Romneya coulteri (cut established plants to 3-4" during winter)	XXX XXX											XXX
Roses (remove older canes)	XXX											
Salvia (cut back 1/3 to 1/2, do not cut into hard wood)	XX										X XXX	
Perennials: Aquilegia, Achillea, Sisyrrinchium, Iris, Romneya (cut back to ground)										XX XXX		
MISC												
Clean up wildflower beds					X XXX							
Water if the winter rains are sparse	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XXX XXX	XX							XXX XXX	
<i>*Modified from Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden maintenance calendar</i>												