

Use this Maintenance Checklist



- ☐ General Landscape Management
 - Review plant health and investigate reasons for observed decline
 - Weed and deadhead flowers as needed
 - Stake trees: add new or make adjustments
- ☐ Maintain Rainwater Capture Systems
 - Make sure gutters and downspouts are not clogged
 - Clean rainbarrels/cisterns and clean out catch basins
 - Drill holes in bottoms of catch basins, if standing water
 - Make sure mosquito screens are not ripped or loose
 - Flush pipes
 - Remove debris from swales, especially at inlets/outlets
 - Refurbish berms and basins as needed
- ☐ Add Compost or Worm Castings
 - De-compact or aerate lawns and areas around trees/ large shrubs and add worm castings/compost
- ☐ Replenish Mulch
 - Maintain 2" if established garden, 4" - 6" if still getting established
- ☐ Late Fall Pruning (Chop and Drop)
 - Cut back grasses (once a year for deciduous, less often for evergreen)
 - Cut back young salvias (sages) by 1/3
 - Cut back perennials and pinch back non-woody shrubs and perennials
- ☐ Irrigation Checkup
 - Turn on each valve to check for problems and make repairs
 - Open manual flush valves and flush
 - Clean irrigation filters
 - Adjust controller - reduce time



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- ☐ Pruning (Chop and Drop)
 - Prune dead, diseased, damaged, and deranged branches of trees and large shrubs
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- ☐ Still Time to Plant (but not in wet soil!)
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 - Manually run irrigation if the weather has been very dry



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 - Seasonally adjust automatic irrigation schedule
 - Move drip irrigation and add emitters as the tree grows in order to maintain the wetting zone at the outside edge of the tree's canopy (dripline)



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 - Return irrigation controller to summer program