



Yearly Calendar for Garden Care for Wild Suburbia

Season/Task	Frequency
All Year	
Sweep paths and sidewalk	at least wkly
Mow and edge front lawn	every 3 wks
Weed new garden beds, be especially vigilant to get bermuda grass	apx. 1-2x/mo
Cool, Wet Season (Nov – Feb)	
Irrigation: depends on seasonal rain amounts	
parkway gardens, oak tree, woodland garden	usually none; suppl if no rain
front yard, on irrigation system	as needed; apx. 1-2x/mo
backyard avocado, lawn, citrus trees	as needed; apx. 1x/mo
backyard veg garden, on auto drip	as needed; apx. 2x/wk
pots	as needed
Weed control: prostrate spurge and other winter weeds	1-2x/mo
Sow wildflower seeds	2-3x/season
Prune sage and monkey flowers before new growth begins (late fall)	1x/season
Prune hard wild grape after it has gone dormant	1x/season

Spring (Mar – May)	
Irrigation: depends on seasonal rain amounts	
parkway gardens, oak tree, woodland garden	none; water wildflowers to extend bloom
front yard, on irrigation system	apx. 2x/mo
backyard avocado, lawn, citrus trees	apx. 1x/mo
backyard veg garden, on auto drip	apx. 2-3x/wk
pots	as needed
Weed control: garden spurge, oxalis, warm season weeds, new beds	weekly
Wildflowers: weed around them, thin, clear, collect seeds	2-4x/mo
Groom large bunchgrass (deergrass, alkali sacaton) by raking dried blades with landscape rake	1x/yr
Prune inflorescences from Ray Hartman ceanothus following bloom	1x/yr
Hot, Dry Season (June – Oct)	
Irrigation: depends on seasonal rain amounts	
parkway gardens, oak tree, woodland garden	oak-none; wdlld-1x/mo; pkwy-2-3x/season
front yard, on irrigation system	apx. 2x/mo
backyard avocado, lawn, citrus trees	as needed; apx. 1-2x/mo
backyard veg garden, on auto drip	daily
pots	as needed
Prune coast live oak, late July to early Sept. Only remove branches for safety, those that are damaged or crossed or with narrow crotches, and those needed to develop good structure. (Hire a reputable arborist for mature trees.)	as needed
Prune wild grape to control growth. Remove from nearby plants and structures as needed	as needed, 2x/mo.