

<b>GARDEN CARE SCHEDULE*</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>WHEN TO PLANT</b>												
annuals (wildflowers)	XXX	XX								X	XXX	XXX
perennials	XXX	X										
riparian plants, require water year around (still best to avoid summer planting)	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX					XXX	XXX	XXX
shrubs and trees	XXX	XX								X	XXX	XXX
<b>WEED</b>												
Weed (year around, special attention in spring)	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
heaviest work		X	XXX	XXX	XXX	X						
spurge, summer annuals, warm season growers					XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
cool season growers, mustard, pop weed, etc.	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX								XXX
<b>PRUNE</b> (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	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
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)	XXX											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, Sisyrinchium, Iris, Romneya (cut back to ground)										XX	XXX	
<b>MISC</b>												
Clean up wildflower beds					X	XXX						
Water if the winter rains are sparse	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX							XXX	XXX
*Modified from Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden maintenance calendar												