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Greetings,

Autumn nights and Summer days, such is the pattern this time of year for our marine influenced area. This is considered one of the best times to plant, especially hard to establish varieties like natives and other drought tolerant plants. Warm days and light watering go a long way in good root development. One key factor is to give just enough water to keep roots evenly moist without letting the soil get soggy. It also advisable to use good, well drained soil, with the root crown slightly higher than surrounding area. Problems? Successes? Call us anytime, we welcome the opportunity to talk plants.

In general, inventories are holding well across the industry and although some varieties always sell out quickly there are usually alternate choices that make good substitutions. Let us know how we can help get your next project ready for installation. From bidding to shipping we have you covered.

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Cercidium 'Desert Museum' - Palo Verde

Tree This gorgeous, thornless hybrid makes a fine, upright shade tree. Large yellow blossoms give a dazzling display of color in the spring, lasting longer than any other in the species. May re-bloom in summer if given supplemental water. After the foliage falls, the trunk and stems remain green, providing year-round interest. Produces very few seedpods.



Tecoma x 'Bells of Fire' - Red Esperanza A

stunning new Esperanza, the first with red-orange blooms! This heat and sun-loving shrub explodes with color from mid-spring until frost. Large, trumpet-shaped flowers are adored by hummingbirds. Great in containers or in the garden. Semi-evergreen in mild winter climates.

More excellent drought tolerant choices:

Acacia covenyi - *Blue Bush*: Native to Australia this though, and very blue, wispy tree is perfectly adapted to the Southwest and the S.F. Bay Area.

<u>Baileya multiradiata</u> - <u>Desert Marigold</u> : This bright yellow perennial blooms all summer in the nursery.

<u>Caesalpinia gilliesii - Yellow Bird of Paradise</u>: A beautiful midsized shrub has naturalized in the Southwest and will bloom most of the summer.

<u>Chilopsis linearis</u> - <u>Desert Willow</u>: Another tough tree that come in several colors. One of our favorites is 'Bubba' with larger dark burgundy flowers.

<u>Dasylirion wheeleri - Desert Spoon</u>: A beautifully structured accent plant with bluish leaves to 5-6'.

Eremophila maculata - *Spotted Emu Bush* : Another Australian that works well and comes in various forms. It will bloom early, although flowers persist into summer.

<u>Hesperaloe parviflora</u> - *Red Yucca* : While this may be the traditional color of this free blooming Yucca relative their are also <u>yellow</u>, <u>pink</u> and <u>dark red</u> selections.

<u>Leucophyllum langmaniae 'Lynn's Legacy' - Texas Ranger</u>: Provides a profuse display of lavender blooms more often throughout the season than other selections.

Opuntia 'Santa Rita' - *Purple Prickly Pear*: This cacti has pads that range from blue to purple and contrast with yellow flowers.

<u>Penstemon parryi - Parry's Penstemon</u>: One of the toughest low water penstemons. It will bloom through spring with hot pink flowers.

<u>Sophora secundiflora 'Silver Sierra'</u> - <u>Silver Texas Mountain Laurel</u> : A small tree with silver leaves that make a beautiful contrast to purple wisteria-like spring flowers.

Tecoma stans - *Arizona Yellow Bells* : A large free blooming shrub that has several hybrids such as 'Sierra Apricot'; 'Solar Flare' and 'Orange Jubilee'.

Along with what seems like a never ending variety of Agave, Aloe, Cacti and Succulents there is never a shortage of material to make every garden unique. We have collected many of these plants at the nursery along with additional publications. Also there is a wealth of information and fact sheets on the MSWN website at: http://www.mswn.com/plants/information-sheets/

Landscaping Workshops, Talks and Resources

Following are but a few of the many places to plug in for more information:

The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency - Classes and Talks

<u>Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program - **Green Gardener** <u>Classes</u></u>

East Bay Municipal Water District - Water Smart Gardener

Bay Area Eco Gardens - **Resources, Information and Classes**

City of Palo Alto - Workshops and Resources

City of Morgan Hill - Water Conservation and Resources

San Jose Water Company - Water Wise Gardening

Santa Clara Valley Water District - **Events and Workshops**

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textures and sizes. We have in stock a complete mix to accommodate larger quantities of our best sellers, making it even easier to complete customer orders more quickly.

Here is a brief summary of what we can do for you:

- Assemble customers orders for will call or delivery, usually the same day (photos available upon request)
- · Always use the best materials available
- · Contact customers immediately if there is a quality or availability issue
- · Order out of stock or specialty materials, to arrive as quickly as possible, using all resources available
- Guarantee that CWN material will meet or exceed the customers satisfaction

Products of interest at CWN

Follow any of the links below for more information:

- Sunland Garden Products Organic Compost, Potting and Planting Mixes
- Delta Blue Grass Co. Native and Traditional Turfgrass, Seed and Fertilizers
- Pacific Sod Turfgrass and Seed
- E.B. Stone's Organics Planting Compost, Potting Soil and Fertilizers
- Horticultural Alliance's DIEHARD™ root growth stimulant products

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