



Don't **TRASH** Our Trash **BINS**

Attention all gardeners! It is vitally important that green waste and trash be placed in the proper receptacles.

CR&R, the Village trash company, will not pick up bins that contain incorrect materials, which leads to fines and increased costs for the Village.

See the image here where green waste has been placed in a landfill bin. This bin will not be picked up, and resources must be redirected to fix this issue.

Please place the correct waste into the correct bin.



DONATE to the FARMERS MARKET

Another bountiful farmer's market will be held at Garden Center 1 on August 5 from 9 a.m. until supplies last. All proceeds will be donated to the Florence Sylvester Senior Center.

Gardeners who would like to donate portions of their garden's fruits should plan on picking their harvest no later than Friday, August 4.

Our Most Precious Resource

Please be mindful of your watering practices and do not leave hoses or hose bibs in the "on" position. Hoses can fail or develop leaks.

For additional ways to save water, check out bit.ly/30hy1eu.



Deciding **WHEN TO PRUNE** Avocado Trees

Deciding when to prune avocado trees depends on the desired result. Pruning in spring is used to invigorate the tree and encourage new growth, while pruning in the winter is used to devigorate the tree and control tree size and shape.



General timing principles for pruning avocado trees:

- In California, most pruning takes place in January and February.
- The best time to cut back and achieve good regrowth is in the spring.
- Pruning between January and May promotes shoot-flush during fruit set and early fruit development through August, and delays lead hardening.
- Leaf hardening causes avocado thrips to move to the fruit; therefore, certain pruning times may increase availability of new leaves that avocado thrips feed on, possibly increasing thrip population (see inset).
- The timing of summer pruning affects the length of regrown and, ultimately, increases tree size.

Amblyseius cucumeris and *A. swirskii* are the preferred predators for thrips control. They are tan-colored mites found on the underside of leaves along the veins or inside mature flowers.



For more information about avocado trees, visit californiaavocadogrowers.com.

A MESSAGE From TOM McCRAY

Please help us keep the garden centers beautiful by tending to your plots and removing any clutter. Also, weeds in the pathways adjacent to your plot are your responsibility. Doing your part will improve the experience for everyone.