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Adding Artful Beauty and Value to your Outdoor Spaces



Around The Garden Newsletter

Hello my friends,

It's been some time since you have heard from me. Sorry to be away for so long. I welcome all my new clients from last year's amazing garden installations and a big hello to all my existing clients.

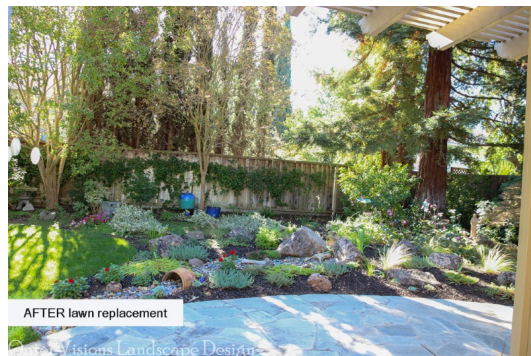
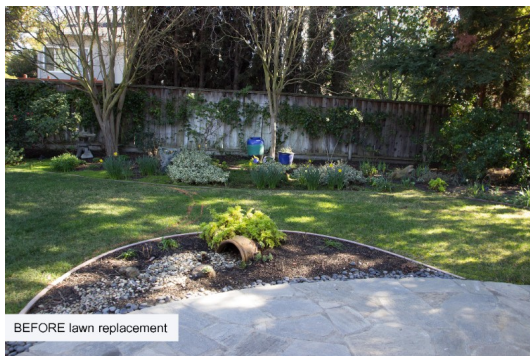
I have decided to send out this newsletter every month with information such as "What to do in the garden" but only include a video every quarter. It was just too much for me to keep that going while servicing my existing clients.

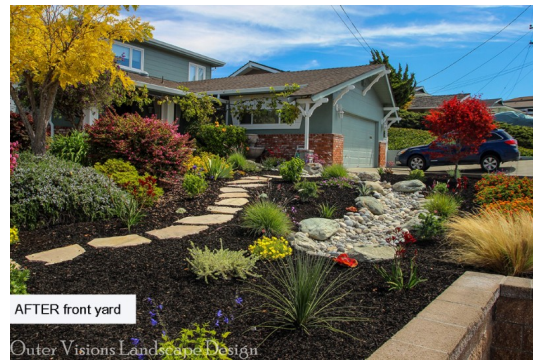
After 5 terrible drought years we certainly have had an abundance of wet weather so far for 2017!

Even though we are now getting the rain we so desperately need, I encourage all of you not to go back to 'business as usual'. Prior to the drought, most homeowners paid little to no attention to water use. We live in a normally dry Mediterranean climate with no summer rainfalls so reducing or removing lawns and planting a low water garden is still a smart way to conserve resources and create a lush space while encouraging birds, bees and butterflies to visit. It is still my main mission to create these water-friendly spaces.

Please enjoy some of these before and after images that illustrate that less lawn can open up the possibilities to create an awesome and diverse ecosystem that changes and grows over the years into a wonderful landscape for you to enjoy though out the seasons!

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Stay warm and dry with all these storms but as soon as you can get out and prune those roses back!

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January Garden Tips and To Do's

- Make sure all the debris from the bad weather we've had is cleaned up especially under roses to prevent any foliage-borne disease from spreading to new growth in the spring.
- Feed the lawn monthly even during cold winter months to maintain its green color and minimize rust disease. Choose a fall and winter fertilizer especially formulated for the season and our area.
- Feed your Camellias/Rhododendrons, Azaleas and even Roses and Lilac with a ratio fertilizer of 0-10-10. This helps feed the plant for better bloom production.
- Spray for Peach Leaf Curl and use a dormant spray on roses and fruit trees.

- Spray 'Cloud Cover' on your tender plants, such as ferns and citrus when a bad frost is expected at night.
- Annuals for early spring color can be planted now. Primroses, Pansies, Violas, Iceland Poppies, Snapdragons and Stock can give some much needed early spring color.
- If you haven't pruned your fruit trees and roses, now is the month. Roses need to have a dormant (sleep) period to rejuvenate for the next season, so it is helpful to actually pick all the leaves off the plant and help them have their rest period.
- Don't prune your spring blooming shrubs/trees, such as Lilac or Quince; you'll be cutting off this year's buds. Wait till after they bloom, and then cut back.
- If you are interested in Berries or Rhubarb, now is the time to get these at the nursery.
- January and February are prime Camellia time! Pick your favorite color, either single or double blooming, and enjoy these beauties in your garden when not much else is blooming this time of year.
- If you enjoy growing vegetables, the cool season crop can be fun. There is Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Celery, Kale, Lettuce, Onions, Peas, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips and Swiss chard.



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