



## Maintenance Workshop - Thank you for your HELP!

### Informational Websites:

**HabitatCorridorProject.org**

**MiloBaker.cnps.org**

**LivingLearningLandscapes.com**

**<https://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/>**

**SonomaResilientLandscapes.com**

**Calscape.org**

**Calflora.org**

## SRJC Late Winter Maintenance Checklist (Also to be used in your garden)

### Oak saplings - remove:

- Carefully pull so as to not leave root

### Non Native Grasses and weeds:

- Clean up gardens of invasive weeds and non- native grasses like pea and clover

### Irrigation Check:

- Run grid irrigation and check for leaks and coverage - adjust as needed
- Change the timer for spring to 2 x per week for a deep soak (what is deep soak?  
When the soil is wet to a depth of 1.5 feet

### Cut back bunch grasses (Best in December):

- It is almost too late in March to cut native grasses back to 4-6" - this is the one and only plant group to prune into a ball

**Clean out rainwater systems like swales and infiltration basins:**

- Now is a good time to make sure the leaf litter hasn't built up in your swales, rain gardens and basins

**Prune for firewise landscapes:**

- Clean up Manzanitas (*Arctostaphylos* spp) for form by clearing out any dead branches and opening up to set off bark
- Cut back Coyote Brush (*Baccharis pilularis* and species) hard if becoming woody, this should also be done before nesting season in December or January
- Prune for tidying and separate plant species if becoming overgrown (*Salvia*, *Ceanothus*, *Baccharis*)

**Last chance for planting natives:**

- With the limited rain this year we will plant some "No-Mow" native grass at the Fire-safer strategies garden.
- This is a good time to plant *Salvia* species because they don't like wet cold conditions after planting
- Sometimes the plants are only available now until summer in the nursery - so you will need to purchase them over the summer, keep them watered and plant in the late fall

**Tools for the job: hand pruners, trowels, spade shovels, gloves, shearers, trench shovels**

**Come back! We are here every month on the second Friday from 10-12. Watch the gardens grow and learn while we work.**

**Have fun and reach out to me for more information-**

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