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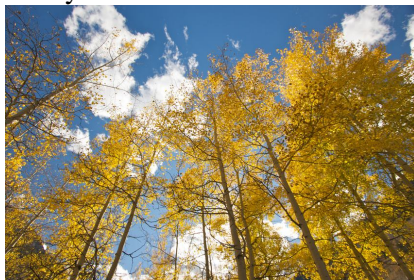
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Fall is a Magical time!

By Cindy Poore



Yes, yes, yes, my favorite time of year! I LOVE the fall!

Time to start turning down the sprinklers to account for the shorter and hopefully cooler days. It is the very BEST time to plant anything perennial or long term as well. Planting in fall gives the plants all winter and spring to get their roots established before the stresses of next summer. This is the very BEST time to fertilize plants as well.

Late fall will bring our first rain and the weeds will start to germinate. Now is the best time to schedule a weed preventative application to avoid spending your spring weekends weeding the yard. Of course, we can help you with that.

**Give us a call to get you going!
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Organic Pest Control Everybody has Ants!

Recently, I was standing in the insecticide department of the home improvement store and having a conversation about ants. I was commiserating with a fellow shopper about the challenges of ants in and around the home.

Ants are some of the most challenging pests to control for homeowners and

professionals alike. Mix that up with an organic view to control and you get a double whammy.

First and most important in organic OR herbicide control is SANITATION. Clean up areas where ants or other pests might hide. Then, ELIMINATE any potential food sources. In the house, that is easy, just wipe things down and throw the trash away regularly and fix any leaks.

Outside, is another story. Ants will go for different things different times of the year. Did you ever wonder why ants travel in a column? They are following an invisible odor trail put down by the scout ants to lead the others to the food source.

Killing the ants around the food source or just the ones you can see, will not solve the big issue. For more permanent or lasting results, you need to follow them back to their nest and treat them there where the majority of the colony is.

One old and still used organic product for control of ants is Boric Acid. It comes in a powder which is applied to cracks and crevices and under appliances and pallets and things like that. It is critical that the powder remain dry and never allow contact with food, people, pets or children. You can often find Boric Acid in hardware stores or well stocked nurseries.

In addition to our standard line of chemical insecticides, we are using a newer organic product that treats a variety of pests. We can organically control or suppress aphids, caterpillars, earwigs, lace bugs, leaf hoppers leaf miners, mealy bugs, mole crickets, scales, spider mites, thrips and chinch bugs.



Remember....

Time to order your spring blooming bulbs which will be planted in late October or November. I've ordered some new ones this year I am excited about. Some all orange tulips!

Also time to tidy up your fruit trees and clean up the fallen leaves and old fruit so pests don't overwinter in the debris. Prevention, prevention, prevention.....

Also those of you who still have grass, this is a good time to aerate your lawns and follow up with a fertilizer application for a healthier spring and summer lawn. We have already completed several aerations and are looking forward to many more this season.

More Important things....

Just to let you know on a personal note, I am still on my self improvement program. I kicked it up a notch with personal trainer extraordinaire, Dustin Bogle. Dustin, a certified personal trainer, and his brother Brandon Bogle, also certified, have opened a new, modern fitness studio in the Fresh and Easy center on Main street and Topaz in Hesperia. Dustin's expert help has been instrumental in my success. If you are interested in improving your health, getting stronger, losing weight or getting fitter, please check them out. It is surprisingly affordable. I actually have saved twice as much on my grocery bill than it takes to pay for the training. Tell them Cindy sent you. Call (760)995-3366 or visit www.kokomofitness.com.

Found Money!

The cash for grass program is BACK! It came early this year and with extra financing. This is a program that has been really successful in helping people all over the valley save lots of water from their landscapes.

Some people have the mistaken notion that you have to take out a lot of grass to qualify or that you have to take out ALL your grass. Or that you need to have a professional do it. That simply is not true. You don't have to take out all your grass or a lot. And you could do it yourself if you want to. You will get rebated from \$.50 to \$1.00 per square foot depending on the water district you get your water from. Free MONEY! Contact your local water district for details.

Finally both my husband and I are in the same frame of mind when it comes to paring down the grass in our home and we will be shaving some extra grass off our water and maintenance bills. Looking forward to enhancing the scenery of our own lives for a change. Call us if you need help.

My Favorite Recipes

From my friend Sue Clifford



Apple Crisp

6 apples peeled and sliced
1/4 cup water
3/4 cup all purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. Cinnamon
1/2 tsp salt
1/3 cup butter

Put apples in a greased 9" by 5" loaf pan. Sprinkle with the water. Sift together flour, sugar, cinnamon and salt. Cut butter in the flour mixture until crumbly. Sprinkle over apples. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream topping.

Variations: Add 1/2 cup raisins or dried cranberries to apples and mix together prior to adding topping.

Or take advantage of the bounty of pears, and make your crisp from pears using same directions. Yum!

Serves 6

