

Tips for Growing Healthy Citrus This Fall

Autumn in California is a great time of the year to check your citrus tree to make sure it has the right nutrients necessary to grow healthy before you (quite literally) reap the fruits of your labor. While the seasonality of citrus trees can vary depending on a range of factors like temperature, location, soil type and more, many types of citrus do require maintenance and care throughout the year.

Here are some tips to help your citrus tree grow healthy, starting as early as this fall:

1. FERTILIZING

Apply the recommended amount of fertilizer, including nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, and cover with compost, then water. Make sure to water heavily if it's a newly planted tree so the water sinks into the roots. Fertilize throughout the year, but especially during February, May, August and October. If you have a new tree, it's especially important to fertilize regularly during the first four years.

2. MANAGING PESTS

Pest management is crucial to protect not just your own tree, but also your neighbors' trees and the state's citrus. Inspect for a pest called the



Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) monthly or whenever watering, spraying or pruning trees and when harvesting fruit. The psyllid can spread the deadly plant disease called Huanglongbing (HLB), and has been found in Orange, Los Angeles and Riverside counties thus far. Once a citrus tree is infected with HLB, there is no cure and the tree will die. HLB affects all citrus plants, including orange, lemon, lime, mandarin, pomello, kumquat, grapefruit and tangerine trees. It also affects some relatives of citrus, like orange jasmine and curry leaf trees. If you have any of these plants in your yard, inspect them for symptoms of ACP when trees have new leaf flush or when tending to trees. You can call a licensed pesticide applicator or treat your citrus trees yourself with insecticides to keep the ACP numbers low. It's also important to control ants on your citrus tree, as ants may protect harmful pests like the ACP.

If you think you've found the ACP or HLB, call the statewide hotline at 800-491-1899. If you are unsure how close you are to an HLB detection or quarantine area, visit the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources' app where you can enter your address into the search bar and see your proximity to HLB.

3. WATERING

During the first year, apply water at the tree's trunk. As the tree grows, water a larger area around the tree. Newly planted trees should be wa-

tered every three to seven days. Older trees can be watered every week or two.

Citrus trees do not adjust well to colder temperatures, such as 45 degrees Fahrenheit or below. If temperatures do get this low in your area, consider growing a potted citrus tree indoors to keep it from low temperatures. Consult a gardening expert for tips on the best varieties of citrus to grow indoors.



4. HARVESTING

Harvesting time depends on the citrus variety and its seasonality. Take time reviewing the harvest because not all fruits on the same tree may ripen at the same time. In general, you know when they are ready to harvest when they have reached the desired size and ripeness/color. Some citrus can drop from the tree when fully ripe, so check the citrus tree regularly when tending to it to see if it is ready to harvest.

5. PRUNING

Most citrus varieties do not require significant pruning. Lemons are the exception to this rule. Heavy pruning should not take place in winter as it will make trees susceptible to frost damage. Pruning should be done after fruit is harvested so you do not interfere with the fruit's growth. Remove all dead branches, stems that are weak and small, and shape your tree like a canopy. When pruning, make sure sunlight is evenly distributed on your tree. If you are located where the disease has been found, it is important to double bag leaves/stems and check all pruning materials/equipment for trimmings/debris before moving any plant material from your property.

For more info about ACP, HLB or general citrus health visit www.californiacitrusthreat.org.

The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce invites our
Businesses, Service Clubs and the Community to join the

Monthly Morning Mingle

Tuesday, November 26th, 2019
9AM- 10AM



Network with local businesses and get to know each other. Visit with the Chamber President and learn what's new in the community. Relax and enjoy a cup of coffee and fresh donuts!

NO DECEMBER MINGLE SCHEDULED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower

16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
(562) 804-1424 ext. 2240
www.bellflower.org

Accountant, (P/T) Finance Dept
\$22.32- \$27.12/hr.
Deadline: Until filled

Working 20-25 hours per week with the availability to work a variety of shifts including mornings and afternoons between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No weekends or evenings.

High School Diploma or equivalent is required. Recent, responsible experience with public sector finance is highly desirable. Related college level coursework is desirable. One year of recent general clerical experience involving public contact and preferably including some financial record keeping is required.

For a full job description visit the City's website.

Student Art Competition Winners Artwork on Display at City Hall

The City of Bellflower hosted it's first Student Art Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the Town Center Plaza. Participants included 33 students from nine Bellflower schools. Each grade level, 3rd through 6th, was

assigned a different art theme and each student created artwork depicting the theme. Art was judged based on creativity, quality, clarity, and overall presentation. First place winners from each grade level will have their artwork exhibited at Bellflower City Hall starting on October 24, 2019 until the end of the year.

Congratulations to our 1st place winners Santiago De La Isla (3rd grade – St. Dominic Savio), Anabella Arciga (4th grade – St. Dominic Savio), Ruby Gonzalez (5th grade – Ramona Elementary), and Aiden Kwon (6th grade - Valley Christian Elementary School).



GRAND OPENINGS & RIBBON CUTTINGS IN BELLFLOWER

Rose Cremation

Cremation, Transportation, Pre-need
Wednesday, Nov. 6th @ 4PM
10160 Artseia Pl. Bellflower
rosecremationservices.com

SERVPRO of Bellflower

Cleaning & Restoration Services
Thursday, Nov. 14th @ 4PM
17040 Clark Ave. Bellflower
servprobellflower.com

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THE ARTS ALOUD THEATER GROUP PRESENTS



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - 7:00 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM

16600 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

GENERAL ADMISSION - \$14.00

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, VISIT
WWW.ARTSALOUDTHEATERGROUP.COM

TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN PERSON
ONE HOUR BEFORE EACH SHOWTIME (CASH OR CHECK ONLY)

Events & Info Around the City

The Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) was developed by the Registrar-Recorder / County Clerk (RR/CC) in 2009 to address an aging voting system and an increasingly large and complex electorate. The project seeks a collaborative approach to voting system design that will put voters at the center and maximize stakeholder participation. For more info visit vsap.lavote.net



Super Bionicos La Fiesta celebrated their grand opening of their new location at 17015 Bellflower Blvd., just a few blocks north of their old storefront. The ribbon cutting ceremony offered food samples, refreshments and a raffle prize. Congrats!



On September 14th, The Rotary Club of Bellflower treated 50 kids to a shopping spree at the Kmart located in Long Beach.

Caring Connections Case Workers identified children that would most benefit from our help. Bethel Reformed Church provided the bus and driver to transport the kids to and from the event.



Rotary Club members, along with Bellflower High School Interactors, and Caring Connections Case Workers, assisted with picking out school clothes, shoes, and much needed supplies using the \$100 gift card each child was provided. Following the shopping event, all participants received drinks and snacks before heading home with their treasures.



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Simms Park

16614 Clark Ave, Bellflower

Saturday, Nov 2, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sponsored jointly by the Sanitation Districts & the Dept. of Public Works

See PG 5 for a list of acceptable items or visit www.bellflower.org or www.lacsd.org

Pool Upgraded at Bellflower Aquatic Center



Above: The indoor pool improvements were announced at the recent ceremony which include: new plaster, ADA renovations, new natatorium roof and ceiling, energy efficient lighting, ventilation system and ducting, fresh interior and exterior paint, and new solar thermal water heating system.

Most Business-Friendly City in LA County Will Be Named November 7th

The City of Bellflower was named a finalist for The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation's (LAEDC) Most Business-Friendly City in LA County Award 2019. The cities of Bellflower, Gardena, Lancaster, Norwalk, Pasadena,

and Rosemead

are finalists for the population 50,000 and over category, and the winner will be announced live at

the 24th Annual Eddy Awards®, Thursday, November 7th. Bellflower is crossing fingers for the win! For more details visit www.bellflower.org.



Place Your Order for a Fragrant Wreath By November 4th

Support Caring Connections by purchasing a beautiful 22" noble fir wreath for only \$25. Participate in brightening up a special family's holiday by giving the gift of a fresh holiday wreath or purchase a wreath for your own home! Every donation, whether through wreath-giving or a purchase will benefit a family. All proceeds will go towards direct services to children



and families of Bellflower Unified School District.

Each wreath package includes 1 pre-tied red velvet water repellent bow and snowy pine cones in separate, moisture-proof bag

Place your orders with Socorro Melgarejo at (562) 866-9011 ext. 6123 or smelgarejo@busd.k12.ca.us.

Wreaths will be delivered the last week of November.

Bellflower Symphony Orchestra's

Symphonic Dances of Dvorak, Grieg and Borodin
Saturday, November 2nd
7:00 p.m.

Bristol Civic Auditorium
 16600 Civic Center Dr.,
 Bellflower, CA 90706

For more info:
www.bellflowersymphony.org

Christmas with a



Breakfast & Gift Giveaway Event December 20th at Thompson Park

The City of Bellflower Public Safety Department is SEEKING DONATIONS for our *Christmas with a Cop* Event to benefit 15 underprivileged students. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies and the Bellflower Public Safety staff will host a special holiday event which includes a continental breakfast and Christmas present giveaway.

To donate mail checks to:
 City of Bellflower
 ATTN: Christmas with a Cop
 16600 Civic Center Drive
 Bellflower, CA 90706



For more info call,
 Sacramento Ramos at
 (562) 925-0124 ext. 2530
Donations due by:
 Friday, December 13th 2019

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Sponsored jointly by the Sanitation Districts and the Department of Public Works. The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program gives Los Angeles County residents a legal and cost free way to dispose of unwanted household chemicals that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash.

THINGS TO BRING...

Motor oil, antifreeze, paint, paint thinner, turpentine, cleaners with acids or lye, pesticides and herbicides, car batteries or household batteries, old computers and television sets, sharps or used needles, expired pharmaceuticals and mercury thermometers.

THINGS NOT TO BRING...

Explosives, ammunition or radioactive materials, waste from businesses will NOT be accepted, trash or old tires, white goods such as washers, stoves, refrigerators or air conditioners.

HOW TO PREPARE...

In general, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per vehicle. Be sure to bring items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers. Be prepared to leave your containers. Do not mix products together.

FOR INFO, CALL: (800) 238-0172

Thanksgiving & Christmas



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Drive

Dear Friends of the Volunteer Center:

It's hard to believe, but the 2019 holiday season is almost here. As in past years, the Bellflower Volunteer Center is working closely with residents, community groups, churches, schools, service clubs and organizations to provide **Thanksgiving** and **Christmas** food boxes and/or gift cards for our most needy families. We will provide you with details of the families you "adopt" (number of children, ages, etc.). You create the box based on the information we provide, and contact the family to arrange delivery. If you rather not adopt a family, you may still donate canned foods, dry goods and new unwrapped TOYS! **It would be much appreciated if we could receive your donation by November 7, 2019 for Thanksgiving items and by December 2, 2019 for Christmas items.** This year, more than ever, your help is vital. If you would like to be a part of this important program, or if you have any questions, please call the Volunteer Center at (562) 804-1424, ext. 2331 or send an email to mnavarro@bellflower.org. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Suggested food items:

- boxed instant mashed potatoes
- boxed stuffing mix
- canned vegetables
- canned fruit
- corn bread or muffin mix
- canned gravy or dry mix
- soup
- canned or plastic bottle of juice
- frozen turkey or ham
- gift cards

Additional food items:

- cereal and instant oatmeal
- macaroni & cheese
- peanut butter
- beans
- rice
- canned meat
- cranberry sauce
- dessert items
- pasta & sauce



**We also collect
new unwrapped
toys for
Christmas.**

Bellflower Volunteer Center • 16610 S. Clark Avenue • (562) 804-1424, ext. 2331

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