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How to Plant in Lamorinda's Microclimates

Fog and topography a big factor when planning your garden

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Now is the time to be planting fruit trees. Matt Cameron of the Moraga Garden Center shows a bare-root black mulberry tree to Hye Yeong Min of Orinda. She is curious about the roots.

Photo Chris Lavin

You don't need a green thumb to know that we live in an area of microclimates, but observant local gardeners will tell you that sub-microclimates may exist on any single plot of land. Microclimates vary from eastern Lafayette to western Orinda, Canyon to southwestern Moraga, so when deciding what vegetables and fruit trees will grow well on your prop-

erty, the devil is in the details.

Serious gardeners keep a record of what happens year after year, observing the sun, wind and hardscape, and sometimes even installing small weather stations to capture data in different parts of their gardens.

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