

## Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Fresh Ideas

**CHECK** irrigation lines and sprinkler systems for leaks. The water district reminds us that our California drought is not over yet!

**RELEASE** ladybugs into your garden if you spot aphids. Ladybugs (also called lady beetles) only stay in a garden when there is sufficient food. If yours fly away, don't be dismayed. Pat yourself on the back as your garden is healthier than a neighboring landscape.

**TUCK** edibles into your flowerbeds. Parsley and garlic chives look especially handsome as a border.

**REGROW** scallions by sticking the root ends in water after snipping. You'll get a fresh crop very quickly.

**SCATTER** wildflower seeds in an area where you want a wild, natural appearance. It's not too late!

**HARVEST** overwintered root crops such as carrots and parsnips before they lose their flavor and robustness.

**THIN** apples and stone fruit to insure a bigger, healthier harvest. Leave two to three fruit per cluster.

Happy gardening. Happy growing!

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*A wine barrel collects roof runoff.*



*Cynthia's mother, sister cowgirl Debbie, and Cynthia in the garden.*

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