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## Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Garden Guide

- FIRE danger is at a high point this month. Be alert. Remove brush, wood, dry grass, and all other flammable materials from around the perimeter of your home. Clear your roof and gutters of leaves. Create 100 feet of defensible space around your home and structures.
- SIGN up for emergency notifications at www.nixle.us. The easiest
  way is to do it through text messaging on your smart phone. Text
  888777. In the message area, type in your zip code. You will get an
  alert in case of any impending emergency.
- APPLY deer repellent to young trees and shrubs. As winter nears
  the deer are hungrier and will do damage to saplings causing branch
  injury and even inviting diseases.
- **EAT** fresh locally grown figs and grapes.
- **CHECK** for decay or damage to trees to thwart injury or downing of trees when storms arrive.
- **MULCH** your landscape to prevent erosion in winter and protect plants from a freeze.
- **SWIM** a few laps in a garden pool before the cold weather begins.
- ORDER my new gardening book, "Growing with the Goddess Gardener," from my online store and receive extra goodies; 25 percent of the sales will benefit Be the Star You Are! 501c3 helping in disaster relief. http://www.cynthiabrian.com/online-store

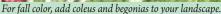
Happy Gardening and Happy Growing!



Add mulch now to the garden for winter protection, erosion control, and water retention.

Photos Cynthia Brian







Fresh local Mission figs and seedless grapes are nutritious and delicious.

