

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.

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For fall color, add coleus and begonias to your landscape.



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

