

Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian **Endless Summer**



If you have the space, Pride of Madeira is a gorgeous statement shrub.



Barrel collecting rain water

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For a flash of annual border color, buy pansies. They use relatively little water, are low maintenance, and provide beauty in the winter.

You can create a beautiful and sustainable landscape with native and drought-tolerant plants. Biodiversity is increased, and you'll cultivate a garden that will thrive in arid and water-scarce conditions. Save every drop of water by putting a bucket in your shower or a bowl near your sinks. I use the water for my indoor plants and patio potted plants. If you want to go the extra mile, install a rain catcher or barrel to collect the wa-

ter from downspouts.

On a positive sunny note, my tomato plants are enjoying this endless summer. They have mingled with my Jacobinia Justica Carneia and continue to sprout new flowers which will provide me with tomatoes for a few more months.

As we look forward to a magnificent autumn, catch a gardening wave in this endless summer! Soon enough, the funeral anthem of a dying year will be playing, and we'll be longing to surf the sunshine again.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing!