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Mushrooms and Other Nuisance Fungi in Lawns: Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

Flowering mushrooms are a delightful feature of California wildlands. You can enjoy them in your garden without waiting for spring. They are indicators of a healthy, Earth-friendly ecosystem. Invasive mushrooms can cause damage to lawns and other landscape elements. Learn how to identify and manage invasive mushrooms.

Lawn Drought: Prevention and Management: Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

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Landscape Tips to Help Defend Your Home from Wildfire

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Lime Disease in California: Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

Lyme disease is a potentially debilitating and sometimes chronic infection transmitted to humans and animals by certain ticks. Although some lizards eat plants, most feed on insects. Lizards cause no measurable damage to plants in gardens and should be left alone.

Millipedes and centipedes are often seen in and around gardens and may be found wandering into homes. Unlike insects, which have three clearly defined body sections and three pairs of legs, they have numerous body segments and numerous legs. Identification, life cycle, damage, and management of this evergreen parasitic plant that grows on a large number of ornamental trees and is particularly damaging to deciduous and live oaks.

Insect Management for Organic Crops

Maintaining a healthy lawn is the best way to prevent a disease outbreak in a turfgrass. 75 to 85% of common lawn diseases can be avoided by optimizing practices to avoid stressed grass, which is more susceptible to disease outbreaks.

Invasive Plants: Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

Invasive plants are a distinct group of weeds that occur in natural habitats. This Pest Note shows how invasive plants differ from common garden and agricultural weeds and discusses their occurrence, impact, spread, and management.

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How to use water more efficiently as water demands and costs go up with long, hot, dry summers common to most areas of the state. California lawns generally need watering for much of the year. Learn how to use water more efficiently as water demands and costs go up and drought conditions continue.

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For almonds, chestnuts, pecans, pistachios and walnuts. Nuts are delicious and good for you, and many Californians can grow them at home. Here are some simple harvest, handling and storage tips you can follow to get the most out of your home nut orchard.

Nuts are common weeds in landscapes and gardens in the coastal valleys, Central Valley, and southern areas of California. They thrive in waterlogged soil and their presence can cause poor drainage, too frequent irrigation, or leaky sprinklers. Several species of pit scales attack many common deciduous and evergreen oaks in California. The valley oak is especially susceptible. Pit scales suck juices from twigs and cause twig dieback, which first becomes apparent in mid- to late summer.

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Almost all fruit and nut trees, as well as most ornamental trees and shrubs, can develop Phytophthora rot. When pesticide residues get into stream water and in-stream sediments, they can last for anywhere from a few days to decades or more. Sudden oak death, caused by Phytophthora ramorum infection, has killed over a million oak trees in California. Most infected branches wilt as a result of obstructed water flow, causing the needles to turn yellow, and then red.

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Pocket gophers are burrowing rodents often invade yards and gardens, and feed on many garden crops, ornamental plants, vines, shrubs, and trees. A single gopher moving down a garden row can inflict considerable damage in a very short time.

Poison oak or western poison oak has a distribution extending from British Columbia south to the Baja California peninsula. Contact with poison oak leaves or stems at any time of the year can cause an allergic response.

Powdery mildew is common on many types of plants. It can be serious on woody species such as grapevines, caneberries, and fruit trees where it attacks new growth including buds, shoots, and flowers as well as leaves.

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Soil solarization is a simple, nonchemical method to keep weeds at bay and improve soil quality.

**Soil Solarization for Gardens and Landscapes:** Pest Notes for Home and Garden

Fifteen nutritious, easy-to-make lunches that you can pack for your children, plus ideas for after-school snacks that kids can make for themselves!

**Sweet Cherries for the Home Grounds:** Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

A home cherry tree can supply your family with a good annual crop of delicious fruit. Learn how to take care of your cherry tree.

**Redhumped Caterpillar:** Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

The redhumped caterpillar is a common pest of plumeria (also called frangipani or lei flower), an attractive shrub often used in landscaping.

**Red Imported Fire Ant:** Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

If the pages and bindings of books in your bookcase have been chewed on, suspect the look-alike booklice which are often confused with silverfish and firebrats.

**Rabbits:** Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

Rabbits are enjoyed by many people but they can be destructive to gardens and landscaped areas. The black-tailed hare or jackrabbit, the desert cottontail, and the brush rabbit are widespread and cause the majority of problems in California. Rabbits are omnivorous, eating both plants and animals. In urban settings, in addition to feeding on backyard fruits, nuts, and vegetables, they scavenge from garbage cans, compost piles, and pet food left outside overnight.

**Rats:** Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

Rats are some of the most troublesome and damaging rodents. They consume and contaminate food, damage structures and property, and transmit parasites and diseases. In California the most troublesome rat is the roof rat and the Norway rat. The rattlesnake is California’s only native venomous snake. Six species are found in various areas of the state. These snakes are an important part of the ecosystem, feeding on rodents, birds, and other small animals.

**Rattlesnakes:** Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

The red imported fire ant is new to California and has recently been found infesting residential and commercial areas in southern California. The spread of these ants has largely been a result of the movement of infested soil to uninfested areas.

**Raccoons:** Pest Notes for the Home and Landscape

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Tomatoes: Safe Methods to Store, Preserve, and Enjoy

This guide includes advice on selecting tomatoes for the home garden as well as from the market; safety tips for handling fresh tomatoes; and recommended methods for storing, freezing, drying, and canning. Also includes two salsa recipes.

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Turf Management in Backyard Deciduous Fruit Trees

In winter when many fruit trees go dormant, it's a great time to treat them for scale insects, mites, peach twig borer, aphids, leaf curl, shot hole, and other problems. Make the most of the season!

Turfgrass Selection for the Home Landscape

Turfgrass species and varieties are not all created equal. They differ in the kind of growing conditions they need, and the amount of water, fertilizer, and maintenance they demand. The best way to choose the right grass is to try several before selecting one or two for the landscape. This guide provides information to help you select the best grasses for your site.

Using CCA Preservative-Treated Lumber in Gardens and Landscaping

Lumber that has been pressure-treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA) resists decay and is intended for use in contact with the ground or water. Many homeowners choose to use CCA-treated lumber for outdoor projects, such as decks and patios. This guide provides information on the potential health risks associated with CCA-treated lumber and offers alternative options.

Turfgrass Management in Lawns: Pest Notes for Home and Landscape

Weeds occur in every lawn, but they seldom become problems in well-managed, vigorously growing ornamentals. Weed management in landscape plantings is often made difficult by the complexity of many plantings: usually more than one species is planted in the landscaped area and there is a mix of annual and perennial ornamentals.

Vegetable Diseases Caused by Soilborne Pathogens

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