

What's. Growing On...


May 2008

Plant of the Month: Feijoa Sellowiana

Feijoa sellowiana, commonly known as Pineapple Guava, has earned Plant-of-the-Month because it is one of the most versatile plants in our area. It can be pruned into many different shapes such as a shrub or small tree, and it will thrive in a variety of soil conditions. It flowers in the spring and both the flowers and the fruit are edible. It is also drought tolerant and attracts birds and bees.



Prepare now, and lower your water bill this summer!

- Plant now for the future! Use plant material that requires less water. Choosing plants that are native to a Southern California climate, or come from climates similar to ours, will require less water and usually require less maintenance. Next time you add or replace a perennial, shrub or tree, choose one that is low water use and you can save up to 550 gallons each year. It is now easier to see our selection of California-friendly plants as they are indicated by a faucet  symbol on our availability. We do this to help our customers choose California-Friendly plants. Go to www.MiramarNurseries.com and click on our current availability.

- Put a 2-3 inch layer of mulch on your flower beds. Mulch can be any protective covering placed over the soil. Organic compost & shredded bark or nuggets are commonly used. Mulch helps retain the moisture in the

soil and this alone can save hundreds of gallons of water a year. It's also excellent for weed control!

- Your lawn is likely to be the thirstiest area of your landscape. Only water your lawn when needed. A simple way to tell is to walk across your lawn, if you leave footprints, it's time to water. Also, set your timer to water between the hours of 8pm and 6am when there is less wind and evaporation.

- If you are using a sprinkler system to water shrubs and trees, consider transitioning to a drip system.

By following these simple steps you can save a lot more on your water bill. If you haven't visited Miramar lately, stop by and see our drought tolerant and native plant selection. It is growing!!!

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