

## SOIL HEALTH BASICS

Calling all gardeners: fall is the best time for planting in the Bay Area! Suzanne Bontempo and Charlotte Canner from 'Our Water Our World (OWOW)' will join us again to share their expertise. They'll go over basics like how to prepare your garden for planting, what soil to use, fertilizer, general planting tips, and troubleshooting. This is a helpful class for entry-level gardeners, as well as those who want a refresher on fall planting techniques. Please join us!

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- Welcome
- What is the OWOW program?
- Watersheds & Water Quality
- Introduction to the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Why is fall the best time to plant?
  - Monthly Temperatures and Rainfall in the Bay Area
- How do we set our plants up for success?
  - Choose native varieties and plants suited to our climate
  - Group Plants with similar water needs
  - Water deeply to grow healthy roots
  - Build & Maintain Healthy soil with:
    - Compost
    - Organic Fertilizers
    - Mulch
    - Cover Crops
  - Keep Water on site: Slow, Spread, Sink, Store
    - Prevent runoff
    - Increase Permeable surfaces
    - Plant a Rain Garden
  - Provide regular garden & irrigation maintenance
- Prevent spring pests now
  - Sheet Mulching
  - Gophers
  - Racoons
  - Dormant Sprays
- Online Resources
- Q&A

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!