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Maintenance Dilemmas of a Modern Obsession

Nick Novick

A bizarre and wasteful fetish to some, a proud achievement of a caring property owner for others, our modern "boring carpet of green" has become ubiquitous, accepted, and in some circles has even achieved status as an object of envy and desire. [Read full article.](#)



Using Compost Tea on Turf

Peter Schmidt



Interest in making and applying Actively Aerated Compost Tea has grown tremendously in recent years, particularly in turf grass management. Many homeowners no longer wish to live in toxic environments, and many schools no longer allow

the application of pesticides and petroleum-based fertilizers. [Read full article.](#)

Native Lawn Options for California

Josh Fodor

California has received a welcome reprieve from the drought with above average rain fall this winter. Although we may not be faced with stringent outdoor water use restrictions this summer, now is a great time to plan for future dry years, which are sure to come. Installing and establishing drought tolerant landscapes is easiest in good rain years, when plenty of summer irrigation water is available to get your new plantings established. [Read full article.](#)





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Designing Winter Landscapes, Part 2

Scott LaFleur



Where only a few days earlier I was looking for the first emerging trillium, today was a day for bark. The covering of snow made the array of colors and textures barks provide really pop! [Read full article.](#)

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[Heirloom Gardens, LLC](#) is a full service Landscape design, installation, and maintenance company specializing in ecological and sustainable landscape practices. With nearly 100 percent of our services provided in house, we can meet any client's needs and expectations. With our colleagues and partners we continue to promote the movement to more natural and organic means.

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