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TOPIC: Winter Garden Tasks :

Best Practices vs Outdated Techniques to Abandon
Proper garden tasks for our specific climate in contrast to frequently used techniques that are misused and outdated.

BIOGRAPHY: I was raised in the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley on an almond ranch. Farming has been in my family for decades. I began growing vegetables at age 12 and quickly fell in love with gardening. Coincidentally my parents had built a new house and began creating a landscape from scratch. I delighted in learning and experimenting with growing plants. While attending MJC I began my career at The Greenery Nursery of almost 25 years. There I massively expanded my knowledge of plants, insects, diseases, helping customers and teaching gardening classes. I had also completed the UCCE Master Food Preserver program in 2014.

I am a married mother of three teenagers. I have used my passion for gardening and raising our food to teach my kids many lessons. Vegetable gardening is still my all time favorite along with cooking and preserving my homegrown harvest.

I currently work for RAM Farms helping manage everything from the flowers to pumpkins to the ice rink. It thrills me to be going back to farming. At RAM Farms I am continuing to deepen my knowledge and implement growing practices I've dreamt about.

My career so far has helped me realize my mission to educate and connect anyone who wants to grow something with solid and reliable plant information, gardening advice, food preservation advice and a little cooking inspiration. There's lots of crazy information on the internet and no consistent reliable source. I am here to change that.