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“How have you been getting your plants through the heat waves?”

This question elicited a few responses, mostly verbal. The general consensus was to water and accept the casualties, but here are a few actions some members have taken.

Whenever there are 90-100 degree temperatures or Santa Anas, I give my azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias a long soaking and I spray all the leaves. The roses aren't much of a problem and I give supplemental water to the dry areas and newer plants. I do have lots of shade throughout the day because of slopes and very tall, old trees.

- JW, Pasadena

By moving my plants into more of the shade and watering more. But I overwatered some of the ones in pots and they kicked the bucket, er... pot. *- Anon.*

1. Water once a day for any plants in pots or that have been in the ground less than a year. The older ones already know about the horrible heat and how to cope with it. They get water every 3-4 weeks as usual, or none at all.
2. Do not plant anything new; buy a plant if you must, but do not put it in the ground.
3. Do not prune off any overhanging branches; this is a time for shade, not esthetics.

- JC, in very hot, very dry Reseda

I added shredded bark mulch to areas that dried out too quickly. I also moved my patio table umbrella to shade some plants that were frying. *- DBG, Redondo Beach*