

## Solutions to home and garden problems

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Plagued with pillbugs? Root rot got you down? And on top of that, your dichondra has gone wild?

Don't fret. Solutions to these and other home and garden problems are provided on almost 300 tapes prepared by the University of California Cooperative Extension for San Diego County residents. By phoning one of two numbers, San Diegans will reach Teletip, a home and garden information service prepared by Extension advisers and specialists.

Teletip brochures listing the tapes by number are available. Callers can request a tape by its index number, or ask to hear tapes on subjects ranging from pests, pesticides and plant diseases to drying, freezing and canning food. Soil management, mildew, vegetable gardening and food safety are other topics about which a variety of tapes have been recorded. Tapes are from two to three minutes long.

The tapes are stored at UC San Diego and operators in the UC San Diego telecommunications office answer calls and play the tapes over the phone. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The program, unique in California, is a pilot project administered by the University of California, and funded through the university's Elvinia J. Slosson Fund.

By dialing 292-8830 or 452-4636 (452-INFO), callers can find out how to dry pumpkin seeds; how to get rid of fleas, ants and spittlebugs, and how to prune landscape trees. Tapes on a myriad of topics pertinent to the gardener and the homemaker are available.

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