

No snow: Time to water outside plants

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Water plants in January? Yes, says gardening expert Carolyn Meiers.

This is because they are used to getting moisture throughout the year. And because that is not naturally happening this winter, the plants need people to turn on the spigot to keep them alive.

Meiers recommends people in Lake Tahoe – and other places that aren't getting moisture this winter – to water shrubs and trees that have deep roots.

“It doesn't apply to anything with snow or ice because that is protecting the plant,” Meiers told *Lake Tahoe News*.

Watering in the afternoon when things have warmed is the best time. Water what you care about and possibly the items that are going to be expensive to replace.

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