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Spring is in full swing here in Butte County! Our county sure does love to showcase its beauty this time of the year!

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the full picture:

Tulips are a wonderful sign to the beginning of spring. According to ProFlowers.com, they also hold meaning through color. From the true love that red signifies, to the calming friendship of the white tulip. What is your favorite springtime flower? Let us know on our Facebook page! www.facebook.com/bhgwelcomhome

May you find Butte County as active or restful as you like!

MARKET REPORT APRIL 30TH, 2022

WELCOME HOME

Single Family Residences (Home, Manufactured on Land, Condo) Excluding Multi-Family									Monthly	
Active Listings/ Pending	Total Current Listings	Under \$100K	\$100K- \$200K	\$200K- \$300K	\$300K- \$400K	\$400K- \$500K	\$500K- \$600K	\$600K+	Expired This Month	Sold This Month
Chico Listings	227	0	1	8	30	75	43	70	0	119
Active	93	0	0	2	11	29	19	32		
Pending	134	0	1	6	19	46	24	38		
Not Sold	41%	0%	0%	25%	37%	39%	44%	46%		
Paradise Listings	64	0	0	2	12	21	11	18	1	26
Active	40	0	0	1	7	15	5	12		
Pending	24	0	0	1	5	6	6	6		
Not Sold	63%	0%	0%	50%	58%	71%	45%	67%		
Magalia Listings	48	1	8	15	14	5	3	2	0	13
Active	18	0	1	5	5	3	2	2		
Pending	30	1	7	10	9	2	1	0		
Not Sold	38%	0%	13%	33%	36%	60%	67%	100%		
Oroville Listings	181	1	13	43	50	30	25	19	4	62
Active	96	0	7	17	23	21	17	11		
Pending	85	1	6	26	27	9	8	8		
Not Sold	53%	0%	54%	40%	46%	70%	68%	58%		

home/Gardening

Gardening 101: Easiest Plants to Grow This Summer

-THE BHGRE LIFE bhgre.com

If everyone had a green thumb, the world would be full of blooms. However, gardening doesn't come naturally to everyone. While some homeowners garden as if they were born to dig in the dirt, others need as many tips and tricks as they can get. Fortunately, there are numerous plants that take next to no effort to grow in your garden, which makes them a great way to start your landscape this summer.

Aster



If you're looking for a plant that'll thrive for more than one season, Aster is it. These pink, white and lavender flowers will fill your garden from summer to late fall.

Wax Begonias

For a splash of color, wax begonias are a must-have in your garden this summer. These free-flowering plants require minimal maintenance and can be grown in indirect light or partial shade. Fill up those odd corners in your backyard with these annuals.



Native plants



The easiest plants to grow are always going to be the ones native to your area. For example, Florida has several trees and shrubs to choose from, the Southwest is full of vibrant yuccas and cacti, and New Jersey has bee balm blooms. Since the climate and environment changes per state, it's important to do your research to find native plants indigenous to where you live to ensure optimal growth.

Drought-resistant plants

Due to the recent droughts across the United States, many avid gardeners are incorporating drought-resistant plants into

their flowerbeds. Plants such as lavender, coneflower, lantana and succulents require very little water. With many states implementing water regulations in 2017, this summer could be a great time to change up your gardening.

Sage

Sage is a drought-resistant perennial that will fill your garden with everything you love about the great outdoors.



From fluttering butterflies to buzzing bees, your garden will thrive. Sage requires minimal maintenance and is easy to grow.

Daylilies

Daylilies are easy to grow in the summer. They are able to grow in various conditions and continue to multiply with each year. Numerous gardening enthusiasts find them to be a great garden investment.



Sunflowers



A unique type of flower that'll brighten up your garden is the sunflower. These flowers start off fairly small and can be started indoors in a pot. Once outdoors, sunflowers will flourish as they naturally turn to face the sun. You'll even have some delicious seeds to snack on throughout the season.

Geraniums

Geraniums are one of the easiest plants to grow in your garden this summer. By definition, they're perennials grown in cold-winter climates, which turn them into annuals. Geraniums don't need a lot of water, which is great for 2017's new water regulations.



Purple Fountain Grass

Complete your garden with accents of purple fountain grass. These feathery plants start off with purple plumes and slowly fade to beige and red foliage. They're typically grown as annuals in cold climates and can be an excellent addition to the summer season.



It's time to grab your gardening tools and start planting. Summer is right around the corner, and you'll want to enjoy these plants for the rest of the season.



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April 2022 CALIFORNIA HOUSING SENTIMENT INDEX

n=1000

Legend:

Change in Percentage Points From Last Month

Apr. 2022 Yes No

Housing Sentiment

65

-2
from last month



Is it a good time to buy a home?

+1 say no



Is it a good time to sell a home?

+1 say no



Will it be easier to find a home over the next 12 months?

+1 say yes



Do you plan to purchase a home in the next 12 months?

+0



Will home prices rise in the next 12 months?

+4 say no



Will overall economic conditions improve in California in the next 12 months?

+2 say no



Will interest rates fall in the next 12 months?

+0



Market Conditions Over Time



Each month C.A.R. surveys California consumers regarding their sentiments about various aspects of the housing market or the economy that directly impact housing to create a California Housing Sentiment Index. The results of the individual indicators are combined into an equally-weighted diffusion index (where anything over 100 represents a net positive sentiment across the indicators, and anything below 100 represents a net negative sentiment).

C.A.R. Market Conditions Poll



car.org/marketdata

food/light mothers day treat strawberry meringue cookies

A fresh strawberry puree gives these light and airy cookies their vibrant color and sweet, summery flavor.

Source: Better Homes and Gardens

Ingredients:

- 6 egg whites
- 1 1/2 cup fresh strawberries, hulled
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- pinch of salt
- 1 3/4 cup sugar

Allow egg whites to stand at room temperature 30 minutes. Meanwhile, line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Draw six 3 1/2-inch circles on each paper. Flip paper over; set sheets aside.

In a blender or food processor puree strawberries; set aside.

Preheat oven to 250°F. In a large mixing bowl beat egg whites, cream of tartar, vanilla, and salt with a mixer on medium until soft peaks form. Add sugar, 1 Tbsp. at a time, beating on high until stiff, glossy peaks form (5 minutes).

Mound about two-thirds of the egg white mixture onto circles on parchment; spoon puree over mounds. Top with remaining meringue. Using the back of a spoon, lightly spread to edge of circle (see tip, above). Bake 75 minutes with sheets on separate oven racks. Turn off oven. Prop open oven door with a wooden spoon; let sheets sit in oven 1 hour. Transfer with paper to wire racks; cool completely. Store in an airtight container refrigerated up to 3 days.

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mothers day / diy gift

these diy bath bombs will help melt away your stress

Emily VanSchmus - BHG.com

Mix up a batch of homemade bath bombs with adorable heart-shaped molds. We'll show you how to make bath bombs with essential oils and dried rose petals for the perfect relaxing bath!

Give the gift of a relaxing bubble bath with a set of DIY bath bombs. Our bath bomb recipe features natural ingredients, dried flowers, and essential oils that form easily into perfect shapes—plus, they smell amazing. We'll show you how to make bath bombs in just four simple steps. Mix the ingredients together and add the mixture to plastic or silicone bath bomb molds; once they're dry, this easy homemade gift is ready to give! Give a set to mom for a relaxing at-home spa day, or package up a set as a thoughtful gift for your bestie.

Step-by-Step Directions

Follow these simple how-to instructions to make your DIY bath bombs. You should be able to make the mixture and add it to the bath bomb molds in under 30 minutes.

Supplies Needed

- 1 cup baking soda
- 1/2 cup citric acid
- 1/2 cup Epsom salt
- 7 tbs coconut oil
- 1 tsp water
- 20-25 drops essential oils
- Natural food coloring
- Dried flower petals
- Mixing bowl
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Wax paper
- Metal or plastic molds

Step 1: Prepare Bath Bomb Ingredients

Our fizzy bath bomb recipe uses natural ingredients and is easy to prepare. In a large bowl, mix all dry ingredients, including the dried flower petals (\$17, Amazon). In a separate small bowl or measuring cup, mix the wet ingredients and stir well. Add a few drops of coloring to the wet ingredients, until you reach a shade you like; keep in mind that the shade of the liquid will lighten slightly when added to the dry ingredients. We used a combination of lavender and eucalyptus for the essential oils (\$10 for six oils, Amazon), and added a few drops of red coloring to make pink bath bombs.

Step 2: Mix Bath Bomb Recipe

When all the wet and dry ingredients have been added to their respective bowls, start mixing the two with your hands. Add a small amount of wet mix to the dry mix, and use your hands to mix the ingredients evenly; if your homemade bath bombs contain a large amount of coloring, you may want to use rubber or plastic gloves (\$7 for a 3-pack, Amazon) for this step. Keep in mind that a bath bomb with a lot of artificial coloring may leave colored residue in your bathtub. Continue adding small amounts of the wet mixture and mixing with your hands until all the ingredients are combined. Each time you add the liquid mixture, the combination of ingredients—especially the citric acid (\$9, Amazon) and Epsom salt (\$13, Amazon)—will cause a small fizzing reaction. This is normal!

Step 3: Fill Bath Bomb Molds

Mix the combined ingredients with your hands until it reaches the

consistency of damp sand. Clump a small amount of the mixture in your hand—if it sticks together, it's ready for the mold. Bath bomb molds can be found at craft stores or online, and usually come with two halves. Use round bath bomb molds (\$10, Amazon) to make traditional sphere-shaped molds, or use heart-shaped molds (\$10, Amazon) as we did. Loosely fill both sides of the mold and place the halves together; the mixture will expand slightly as it dries, so if you tightly pack the mixture, the mold will pop open. Let the filled bath bomb mold sit for 20-30 minutes, then carefully remove the DIY bath bomb from the mold and place onto wax paper; let dry overnight. This recipe will fill approximately four large molds or 6-8 small molds.

Step 4: Package and enjoy!

When the DIY bath bombs have dried completely, it's time to package them up and give them away! Add a few fizzy bath bombs to a clear plastic gift bag (\$6 for 100 bags, Amazon) and tie with a ribbon, or wrap each one in tissue paper and line them up in a small gift box. When it's time to use them, run a bath and drop a bath bomb into the warm water—the shape will fizz until the bath bomb has dissolved into the bathwater, leaving behind a relaxing scent and floating flower petals. Store your homemade bath bombs for up to six months.

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