

**When to plant** Plant acorns in the wet season

### Choosing a site

- Site species
- Plant acorns following the Town of Paradise Defensible Space Ordinance
  - 25' from power lines
  - 10' from structures

Note: The year following a fire, hardwood species pictured below tend to sprout from their root crown



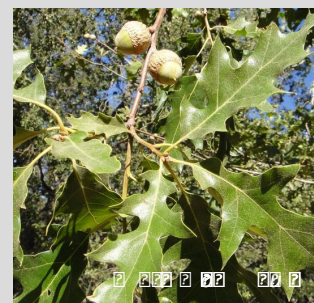
Tanoaks sprouting after fire. Photo by Neal Kramer

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### Planting acorns

- Clear a 3' diameter area to limit competition for water.
- Dig a hole
- Place a slow-release fertilizer in the hole and soil cover, then lay three acorns in the hole
- Give acorns a quart of water, ensuring the acorns remain covered.
- Mulch the 3' diameter around the acorns to soil moisture and prevent weeds.

In early March or April, you should be able to see sprouts. If there is more than one, cut or carefully remove extra sprouts by June.



Black Oak  
*Quercus kelloggii*



Madrone  
*Arbutus menziesii*



Interior Live Oak  
*Quercus wislizeni*



Tanoak  
*Notholithocarpus densiflorus*



Blue Oak  
*Quercus douglasii*



Want tips on *gathering and storing* acorns? Scan the code to connect to our website or online and check out CNPS "Acorn To An Oak" guide