

I decided to cover the three seasons that we struggle with most. (Yes, I know the title sounds like a soap opera.) My suggestions have been developed from my experience growing plumerias for almost 20 years in San Diego's east county, which gets into the low 100's in the summer and can dip into the high 20's in winter. Adapt for your location...

Our Seasons of Struggle

Fall • Winter • Spring

So Cal Seasons Poem

This is a poem a local weathercaster would recite when I was a kid growing up. Very true for So Cal...

SPRING IN SUMMER





SUMMMER IN FALL

FALL IN WINTER



A blue-tinted photograph of a person's face, likely a woman, with the word "WINTER" written in dark, hand-drawn letters across their forehead. The person is looking slightly to the right. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

WINTER

WINTER NOT AT ALL!



Word of the Day:

RESILIENT

Too many times we baby our plumerias. They are extremely resilient. Just think of the crazy weather and growing conditions they endure in tropical regions.

A photograph of a banana plant with many brown, damaged leaves, indicating a freeze event. The leaves are mostly brown and withered, with some green still visible. The background shows a brick wall and a palm tree. The text "January 2007" is overlaid in yellow with a black outline.

January 2007

This is what many of us woke up to that fateful morning after a significant freeze in So Cal.

While it did kill many of our plants, we started to see this a few months later. New life emerging from what we thought were dead stumps!

May 2007



May 2010



The new branches emerged from the base of the stump.

May 2010



Doing great now! Also not the normal shape of a tree, but now a bush shape instead, which keeps the blooms lower for us to enjoy.

Today





Principle of the Day:

LOW TEMPS

Everyone seems concerned about high temps but it's low temperatures that affect how our plumerias grow most. For instance, they don't start waking up until low temps consistently hit the mid-50's in the spring.