



*Remember Mom
on her special day*

*Mother's Day
May 10, 2009*

Through the Garden Gate

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In your garden

May is a great time to plant!

Plants and trees that provide color this month include azaleas, Kousa dogwoods, Japanese snowbell, fringe tree, spirea, sweetbay magnolias, weigela, oakleaf hydrangeas, rhododendrons and viburnum.

Now is the time to plant annuals, perennials and all trees and shrubs. Annuals to choose from include geraniums, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, vinca and many others. Perennials that provide interest include peonies, salvia, poppies, columbine, coral bells, foam flower and much more.

Make certain to fertilize annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs and trees. Use a plant food that contains slow-release nitrogen, sulfate of potash, iron and other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth and development.

Feed all of your evergreens (hollies, boxwoods and yews) and deciduous trees (maples, oaks and ash) with a food that also contains slow-release nitrogen, sulfate of potash, iron and other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth and development.

Plant tuberous begonias, gladiolus and canna bulbs directly into the soil.

Apply weed control to garden beds to prevent weeds from germinating.

Plant colorful annuals and perennials to hide fading bulb foliage.

Fruits and Vegetables

Plant apple, pear, peach and all other fruit trees in May. Fruit trees require two different varieties to pollinate properly. Be aware of this and ask a nursery professional to guide you in selecting the varieties.

Fruit trees need to be sprayed on a regular schedule, but do not spray your fruit trees when the blossoms are wide open.

May is the month to plant strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and blackberries.

Plant the following vegetables outdoors this month: beans, corn, cucumber, eggplant, melons, peppers, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes.

Fertilize fruits and vegetables with a good quality, slow-release vegetable food.

Lawns

If you haven't fed your lawn this spring, fertilize now. Also, now is the time to apply a grub control to the lawn if necessary. Make certain to water the products you choose in thoroughly to effectively treat the grubs.

May is the month to apply a weed control to lawn, if necessary to kill actively growing weeds.

Always remember when applying weed killer:

Do not apply weed controls on newly seeded areas.

Do not apply weed controls on windy days.

Do not apply weed controls near or on the edge of waterways.

Do not allow children or pets to play on lawns freshly applied with weed controls. It is best to wait one week. Always follow the label directions.

Houseplants

Once the fear of frost is over, you can move houseplants outside to the deck or patio and enjoy them outdoors for the summer. It is best to gradually introduce them to more direct sunlight to prevent the leaves from being burned.

Feed houseplants with a good quality indoor plant food.

If needed, re-pot root bound houseplants to a larger pot.

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