

MAY TIMELY TIPS



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APHIDS AWAY!

TO CONTROL APHIDS, START WITH LADYBUGS AND A HOSE! SPRAY LEAVES DIRECTLY TO REMOVE MASSES, THEN RELEASE LADYBUGS TO EAT THE REST. IF THE INFESTATION IS SEVERE USE AN INSECTICIDE LIKE FERTILOME TRIPLE ACTION PLUS,

No Need for weed

Treat broadleaf weeds in lawn and garden with pre-emergent Hi-Yield Herbicide Granules Weed & Grass Stopper or Bonide Weed Beater Complete.



STAKE YOUR BLOOMS

Continue to plant new perennials/ ornamental grasses & roses. Consider new plantings for birds and pollinators. Stake tall perennials before they reach 6 inches. Stake peonies to support blooms when they reach 10" in height.

Transition time



Prune and fertilize overwintered tender plants like hibiscus, gardenia & geranium with G&B Organics Bud & Bloom Fertilizer; take outside once night temps are 40° or warmer.

Place codling moth traps in apple trees now – 1 per tree in an easily accessible location. When trap reveals several moths, spray tree with Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew. SINCE CODLING MOTHS PRODUCE UP TO 4 GENERATIONS (ONE EVERY 6 WEEKS), IT'S IMPORTANT TO INSTALL A NEW TRAP AND REPEAT SPRAYING EVERY 6 WEEKS.



PLANT WARM-SEASON FLOWERING ANNUALS, VINES, HERBS AND VEGETABLES WITH G&B ORGANICS STARTER FERTILIZER AND A HANDFUL OF G&B ORGANICS WORM-GRO EARTHWORM CASTINGS WITH EACH PLANT.

Apply 3 inches of G&B Organics Soil Building Conditioner or Purely Compost around plants to conserve moisture, moderate soil temperatures, and reduce weeds. Keep mulch 3" away from trunks of trees and plants.



Plant summer bulbs like dahlias, gladiolus & lilies with G&B Organics Bud & Bloom

Begin to harden off warm-season transplants, moving them into a shaded area for 14 days and gradually increasing their exposure to direct sun. Bring them in at night if the temperatures fall below 40°. Once properly hardened, they can be transplanted to the garden, usually by mid-May.

DID YOU KNOW?



GRADUALLY MOVE HOUSEPLANTS OUTSIDE TO PROTECTED AREAS. DO NOT EXPOSE TO AFTERNOON SUN. MONITOR REGULARLY FOR PESTS.

Move citrus trees (Meyer's lemon, etc.) outside when night-time temperatures are above 45°.



Put your Rescue yellow jacket traps out now.

HUMMINGBIRDS HAVE ARRIVED & ORIOLES WILL BEGIN APPEARING ANY DAY. NOW'S THE TIME TO PUT OUT ORANGES AND GRAPE JELLY FOR ORIOLES AND WBU HUMMINGBIRD AND ORIOLE NECTAR FOR BOTH HUMMINGBIRDS AND ORIOLES. BE SURE TO CHANGE THE SUGAR WATER EVERY FEW DAYS SO IT DOESN'T SPOIL.



Deadhead spring bulbs once they've finished flowering but allow foliage to wither completely before removing.



For tailored advice or product recommendations, see your local plant doctor.