



### FOR FRESH COLOR



Update your curb appeal! Refresh landscape plantings and patio/deck pots with showy summer color.

**Choose annuals** to fill space between young shrubs and perennials, compete with weeds, and keep the yard in bloom: bacopa, begonias, coleus, geraniums, impatiens, marigolds, million bells, petunias, red bananas, snapdragons, sweet potato vine, tender fuchsias, petunias, verbena, zinnias

**Choose perennials** for color that returns year after year. Plant in spring to get them established before the heat of summer.

- **Long-bloom season or showy flowers:** peony, echinacea, geum, hardy fuchsia, hardy geranium, lilies, wallflowers
- **Stunning foliage for drama and texture:** brunnera, heuchera, pineapple lilies, hostas, ferns, ornamental grasses

### BASIC PRUNING LIST



**Remove spent flowers before seeds form** on spring flowering bulbs (tulips, daffodils); wait for foliage to yellow before cutting to the ground.

**Deadhead rhododendrons/azaleas** just after bloom; remove flower clusters—snap at natural break point just above where new leaves emerge. Now is the best time to prune for shape; pruning after bloom ensures an unaffected flower set for next year.

**Hard prune durable, spring flowering shrubs** (lilacs, forsythia, flowering quince) after bloom to remove dead wood, control size, and maintain shape. Regular thinning every 2–3 years should be done to encourage fresh growth and reduce disease potential.

### FOR THE EDIBLE GARDEN



**Plant warm-season edibles** outdoors once nighttime temps average in the 50s and soil warms up to 60°F:

- **Tender/tropical herbs:** basil, cilantro, dill, tender sages, lemongrass, lemon verbena
- **Vegetables (seeds):** beets, melons (end of month; watch soil temps), carrots, corn, cucumbers (end of month), kale, leeks, peas, potatoes, radishes, snap beans
- **Vegetables (starts):** broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, eggplant (end of month), lettuce, onion, parsley, peppers (end of month), pumpkin, squash (mid month), tomato

**Lime provides calcium to soil, ensuring a productive harvest.** Apply to garden beds for: cucumbers, eggplant, melons, peppers, pumpkins, tomatoes, spinach, summer squash, winter squash

**Monitor fruit trees** for signs of pests; place traps for codling moths in apple trees and plan for control if moths are found.

### FOR THE LAWN & LANDSCAPE



Improve soil health and texture with soil amendments.

- **Soil builder** boosts probiotics (add before or during planting): *Harvest Supreme*, *Worm-Gro* (worm castings), *Malibu Compost*
- **Soil building conditioner** breaks up clay soils; top off low levels in raised beds with *G&B Raised Bed & Potting Mix* and/or *G&B Harvest Supreme* for an extra kick

**Plant shrubs** to complement perennials and get them established before the heat of summer:

- **Blooming:** azaleas, hydrangeas, lilacs, rhododendrons, roses
- **Colorful foliage:** barberry, euonymus, Mexican orange

**Monitor and treat** rhododendrons and azaleas for lace bugs and root weevil damage; roses and fruit trees for black spot.

**Fertilize lawn** with *G&B Lawn Fertilizer*. Hand pull or kill broad-leaved weeds with *Bonide Weed Beater Ultra* before reseeding bare patches. Use *Bonide MoleMax* for gopher and mole issues.

**Fertilize trees and shrubs if they have not yet been fed:**

- *G&B All Purpose Fertilizer* for trees, shrubs, and perennials that are prized for their foliage
- *G&B Rhododendron, Azalea & Camellia Fertilizer* for shrubs listed, plus conifers, maples, and blueberries (prefer acidic soil)
- *G&B Citrus & Fruit Tree Fertilizer* for citrus and other heavy feeding, acid-loving plants (gardenias) and for foliage/flower production and a bountiful harvest with fruit trees and berries
- *G&B Bud & Bloom Fertilizer* to promote ample, luscious blooms in shrubs, perennials, and annuals
- *G&B Tomato, Vegetable & Herb Fertilizer* for all edibles including perennial vegetables and herbs (high in calcium)
- Fertilize hydrangeas to encourage vigorous growth and lush blooms. To make/keep flowers pink, add lime to soil; for blue flowers, add aluminum sulfate or *Hydrangea Blueing Formula*.

**Prepare and prime your irrigation system** for summer watering.

### FOR THE INDOORS



**Establish a regular maintenance routine** of watering, fertilizing, rotating plants, and inspecting for pests.

**Take houseplants outside** on a mild day for some natural light and even a shower to clean the leaves. Be cautious of burning foliage with intense sunlight or frosty temps; bring tender plants in at night.

### JUST FOR FUN



**Celebrate Mother's Day** with a colorful hanging basket, spring container planting, stunning peony plant, houseplant with decorative pot, custom terrarium creation, or gift card.