



MAY

GARDENING

TO DO LIST



GENERAL

- ☐ stay on top of weeding
- ☐ edge garden beds
- ☐ apply 1-2" of mulch to garden beds

VEGETABLES & HERBS

- ☐ prep vegetable beds (if you haven't done so already) by turning in compost
- ☐ plant potatoes (if you haven't already)
- ☐ plant woody herbs (like rosemary and thyme) in early May
- ☐ protect seeds and seedlings of non-woody herbs from birds until the plants grow larger
- ☐ plant summer vegetable plants
- ☐ direct-sow beans in the ground in late May

SHRUBS & TREES

- ☐ remove faded lilac blooms for maximum blooms next year
- ☐ prune dead/damaged/diseased branches when you notice them
- ☐ feed roses once this month
- ☐ plant new shrubs and trees

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

- ☐ plant summer annuals and begin feeding and watering
- ☐ plant tender bulbs, like cannas, elephant ears, dahlias and caladiums
- ☐ continue planting and moving perennials
- ☐ water newly planted perennials & check daily for the next week, cutting back to once or twice a week over the next month
- ☐ many summer blooming perennials can be cut back part way now to make them shorter & stronger

LAWN

- ☐ mow regularly, cutting 1/3 or less of the grass blade
- ☐ leave grass clippings on lawn to provide Nitrogen