

# Lawn & Garden MAY To Do List



## TREES AND SHRUBS

- Fertilize azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias, and prune spring-flowering trees and shrubs soon after they bloom. Also fertilize roses; watch for fungus and disease.
- Plant container-grown trees and shrubs; stop planting bare-root trees and shrubs.
- Transplant trees and shrubs before hot weather.
- Apply mulch to shrubs with shallow roots.

## LAWNS

- Fertilize warm-season grasses. Stop fertilizing cool-season grasses to prevent heat damage.
- Mow cool-season grasses at 2"- 3" or higher. Warm-season grasses can be cut lower.
- Apply post-emergent weed control products to broadleaf weeds.

## CLEAN-UP AND MAINTENANCE

- Ensure lawns and gardens receive an inch of water per week. Hand-water new transplants.

## PERENNIALS AND BULBS

- Pinch back mums and asters; don't cut foliage on spring bulbs.
- Plant summer bulbs after your last frost; fertilize bulbs after blooming.
- Deadhead perennials and bulbs all season; plant perennials before the heat of summer.
- Transplant perennials before they are 6" tall, and don't disturb spring-bloomers until fall.
- Install stakes and supports for large perennials.

## ANNUALS AND CONTAINERS

- Plant summer annuals after last frost; deadhead annuals throughout the season, and pinch back any leggy growth.
- Fertilize tropical bloomers (like hibiscus) to encourage more growth and flowers.
- Use fresh potting soil in your containers; apply mulch to keep soil cool.

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