



May Garden Tips

Bugs? – keep on hand some insecticidal soap for those aphids, spittle bugs and other nasty sucking critters. Soap offers a quick and clean knock down for even those edibles. Use Sluggo for snails and slugs, predatory nematodes for grubs, webworms and crane fly larvae.

Roses – Apply DTE Rose and Flower fertilizer, supplement with earthworm castings. Treat every 7-10 days with neem oil and soap mixed with a little liquid copper to control blackspot and powdery mildew. Start watering at least twice a week, water only in the morning and avoid water on the leaves on overcast days to prevent blackspot.

Plant veggies, perennials and annuals for summer color – Now is the time to plant for summer color and color into the fall. Get those tomatoes and peppers in the ground now too.

Pruning shrubs and trees – Wait till after flowering to thin and shape your trees and shrubs. Don't remove more than 30% of the growth to avoid shock. Any plant you have to consistently restrict that much may need replacement with a more suitable species.

Fertilize – Rhodies, azaleas, and roses could use a good shot of food. Use acid fertilizer for the Rhodies and All Purpose or Rose Fertilizer for the roses.

Container gardens – Time to plant out your patio pots for summer. Try some dramatic effects and color. If you have no idea what to plant, come in and we can help.