EVERGREEN NURSERY

Gardening To-Do Checklist

MARCH

Garden Maintenance

- ☐ Clean beds of debris and old, dead plants.
- ☐ Lightly cut back groundcovers.
- ☐ This is the most important month to fertilize. Use an organic granular fertilizer like Gro-Power and a water soluble spray like Grow More Super Bloomer.
- ☐ Check irrigation systems and make repairs now.

Bedding Plants

- ☐ Plant annuals like alyssum, marigolds, petunia, gazania, dianthus and lobelia.
- ☐ For shade gardens, plant begonias, impatiens and primroses.

Vegetables and Herbs

- ☐ Plant vegetables such as tomato, pepper, chives, onions, and lettuce.
- ☐ Plant herbs such as basil, parsley, dill, cilantro, and mints.

Roses

- ☐ Purchase new container roses when they begin to bloom.
- ☐ Remove buds on existing plants to encourage more blooms.
- ☐ Remove side buds on hybrid tea roses for larger blossoms.
- ☐ Remove dead and diseased sections as well as weak, inward growth and suckers that won't bloom.
- ☐ Continue spraying with a fungicide.
- ☐ Fertilize every six weeks.
- ☐ Treat as needed for mites.

Fruit

- ☐ Plant stone fruit trees such as apple, peach, nectarine, plum, pear, apricots, and pomegranate.
- ☐ Plant citrus and avocado near the end of the month.

Lawns

- ☐ Rake, fertilize and reseed bare spots.
- ☐ Fertilize with a 3-1-2 fertilizer, then switch to high nitrogen once a month until summer.
- ☐ Fertilize when grass is dry and soil is moist; water thoroughly after application.

Pest Control

- ☐ Inspect for aphids and spider mites. Spray if necessary to keep them under control.
- ☐ Trap, flood or bait gophers.
- ☐ Pull weeds regularly before roots take hold and spray with a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent new seeds from germinating.
- ☐ Bait for snails and slugs around new plantings.

Houseplants

- ☐ Repot older plants with fresh potting soil such as Edna's Best.
- ☐ Replace or add new indoor or outdoor plants.
- ☐ Dust or wipe off leaves on indoor plants to help prevent spider mites.

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