



Gardening To-Do Checklist

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Feeding and Watering

- Increase watering as weather warms.
- Water seedlings and young plants frequently for short periods.
- Water trees and shrubs deeply and less often.
- Apply a micronutrient foliar spray like Citrus Grower's Mix.

Bedding Plants

- Plant summer flowers weekly for successive bloom.
- Fertilize with Gro-Power before planting and again in two to four weeks.
- Plant Ageratum, African Daisy, Angelonia, Begonia, Celosia, Coleus, Cosmos, Dianthus, Dusty Miller, Gazania, Impatiens, Lobelia, Marigold, Petunia, Portulaca, Salvia, Vinca and Verbena.
- Stake flowering plants that tend to droop.

Roses

- Plant container grown roses.
- Remove old buds and unwanted suckers.
- Remove dead flowers after petals fall to discourage bacteria growth.
- Use fungicide every 4-6 weeks.
- Use insecticide for mites and aphids as needed through September.
- Water once or twice a week as needed.
- Fertilize every 6 weeks through July.
- Check out Bayer All-in-One Rose & Flower to feed, kill insects and control disease.

Houseplants

- Inspect for insects and clean any dust off leaves.

Specific Plants

- Lightly prune to shape old wood on Hibiscus.
- Plant fire-resistant plants like African Daisy, Algerian Ivy, Carmel Creeper, Trailing Gazania, Prostrate Myoporum, Rockrose, Dwarf Rosemary and Iceplant.
- For summer fragrance, plant citrus trees, Gardenia, Jasmine, Mock Orange and roses.
- Feed Azaleas and Camellias regularly with acidic fertilizer.

Vegetables and Herbs

- Harvest early vegetables and strawberries.
- Plant Marigold borders to discourage pests.
- Plant Basil, Dill, Parsley, Thyme and Garlic now in full sun.

Fruit

- Plant Avocado, Banana, citrus and stone fruit trees before summer heat.
- Whitewash thin-barked trees such as citrus, Macadamia and Avocado to prevent sunburn.

Pest Control

- Check Geraniums and Petunias for Geranium budworm and spray with *Bacillus thuringiensis* when needed.
- Blast spider mites and aphids with soapy water or an insecticidal soap if needed.
- Hoe, pull or spray weeds as they emerge.
- Apply mulch to slow weed growth.

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