



Seasonal Garden Tasks

for the Pacific Northwest Gardener

Spring

- ☐ Clean up any perennials that show winter wear and tear. Divide your perennials and fertilize your flower beds and lawn with **Dr. Earth Fertilizer**.
- ☐ Cut back deciduous ornamental grasses to make room for the new blades to emerge.
- ☐ Put out slug bait. We carry pet friendly **Sluggo** and **Sluggo Plus**.
- ☐ Late winter to early spring, start tomato and pepper seeds indoors.
- ☐ Pull up the weeds while they are young, before they get a foot hold.
- ☐ Spread compost and mulch to help retain moisture, keep weeds down, and to help protect the roots of your plants. We stock **Gardner N Bloome Soil Building Compost**.
- ☐ Freshen up your front porch pots by tucking in early blooming annuals, perennials, and bulbs. Work in a slow release fertilizer into your containers. We recommend **Gardner N Bloome Soil Amendments**, **Dr. Earth fertilizers**, and **Osmocote**.
- ☐ Plant seeds, such as, carrots and beets. There is still time to start beans and peas, as well as warm season herbs, like basil.
- ☐ Plant summer blooming bulbs, such as lilies and dahlias.
- ☐ Aerate your lawn. Provide seed, spring fertilizer, and water regularly. Mow your lawn regularly, keeping it approximately 2-2 1/2" tall for optimum health.
- ☐ Add **Hydrangea Blueing Formula** (aluminum sulfate) to the soil to help ensure that your hydrangea blooms are the true blue you enjoy. If you prefer pink blossoms, lime can be added to the soil.
- ☐ Support your perennials with heavy blooms to keep them from falling.
- ☐ Dead head your annuals and perennials for a longer blooming period.
- ☐ Remove spent blooms from broad-leafed evergreen shrubs, such as rhododendrons. The plant will then put its energy into the foliage and next years' buds, rather than seed production.
- ☐ Aphids can be troublesome in the garden this time of year. Insecticidal soap or **Neem Oil** spray will keep them at bay.
- ☐ Our locally grown **bare-root fruit trees and roses** arrive in mid to late February. This is a great opportunity to save money and give your plants a head start on the season. Visit our **Plants** page to view the current season's lists of available varieties.
- ☐ Get ready to purchase and house **Mason Bees** to pollinate your orchards and gardens. Available at the nursery end of February.