



# Seasonal Garden Tasks

## for the Pacific Northwest Gardener

### Summer

- ☐ Plant and support warm season crops, such as tomatoes, peppers, summer and winter squash, corn, cucumbers, and herbs.
- ☐ Keep up with dead heading, this tedious task is sure to reward you with more blooms throughout the summer.
- ☐ Spring blooming bulbs can be dead headed, however, keep the foliage in-tact until it wilts and yellows, as the foliage will feed the bulb and help to ensure its growth and re-blooming next year.
- ☐ Early flowering shrubs such as Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Forsythia, Weigela, and Lilacs should be pruned now, before next years buds set.
- ☐ Keep up with watering. Stressed plants are the first to attract insects and disease. If you don't have a good watering system, drip irrigation can save you lots of time and money.
- ☐ Mulching your garden will help reduce moisture evaporation and drought stress in your garden.
- ☐ Be aware of pest and disease problems. Aphids can be troublesome in the garden this time of year. Act quickly to reduce the damage. Maintain a good fertilizing program to keep plants healthy. Insecticidal soap or **Neem Oil** spray will keep them at bay.
- ☐ Some early berry crops are ready for harvest. Your crops can be covered in bird netting to preserve the harvest for you, the gardener.
- ☐ Harvest garlic when the tops have yellowed. Allow the bulbs to dry for 1-2 weeks to preserve it for months to come.
- ☐ If you are planning a fall crop of cool season veggies, now is a great time to start some vegetable seeds like cabbage, kale, broccoli, lettuce, peas, onions, Swiss chard, and root crops, such as carrots and beets.
- ☐ Fertilize roses, they are heavy feeders and can benefit from a summer feeding. We recommend **Alaska Fish Fertilizer and Morbloom Fertilizer**.
- ☐ If needed, trim deciduous hedges to allow them time to adjust before dormancy.
- ☐ Prune out suckers, water sprouts, and crossing branches from trees and shrubs.
- ☐ Harvest corn, beets, new potatoes, or fingerlings. Gather herbs for drying and produce for preserving. Is your garden yielding more than you can manage? Consider donating to your local food bank.