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Garden Activities Calendar Checklist

MARCH

- Start flower and vegetable seeds indoors
- Start tuberous begonias in pots
- Prune grapes
- Remove winter protection from shrubs and evergreens
- Have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* prune your fruit trees
- Provide nesting materials and bird houses

APRIL

- Have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* apply dormant oil spray to fruit trees and shrubs
- Spring cleanup of beds with leaf removal and plant debris
- Start summer flowering bulbs such as dahlias and cannas indoors
- Watch for lily bugs emerging on warm days...hand pick and destroy
- Mix up compost in composter
- Plant peas in vegetable garden
- Prune dead branches from established trees
- Prune back ornamental grasses to just above the crowns or growing points
- Prune back bluebeard and buddleia severely
- Plant false cypress and pines
- Shear groundcovers such as ivy and pachysandra to rejuvenate
- Have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* do spring pruning

MAY

- Plant vegetable garden, annuals, summer flowering bulbs and containers
- Utilize companion planting, crop rotation and intercropping in gardening
- Weed and cultivate all flowerbeds and gardens
- Divide and transplant perennials as required: asters, bee balm, lamb's ears,
- Prune summer flowering shrubs
- Soil testing of all gardens
- Amend garden soil based on soil testing results as required
- Add compost (from composter) to vegetable and perennial gardens or amend soil with superior quality garden soil blend



- Plant perennials, shrubs, trees and hedges
- Mulch new flowerbeds and top-up mulch on existing flowerbeds
- Assess gardens for disease and insects
- Utilize organic treatments for pest control and disease treatment
- Ensure your bat house, mason bee house, hummingbird feeders are cleaned and ready for use
- Setup bird bath, pond, waterfall, or other garden water features
- Fertilize spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, hellebores, crocuses, hyacinths, etc. with bone meal; leave foliage intact until yellowed
- Have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* provide a spring cleanup and revitalization of flowerbeds; soil testing; soil amendment; mulching; planting; dividing and transplanting; pruning; fertilizing; flowerbed development and installations; installation of ponds and waterfalls; installation of garden walls, curbing, edging; delivery of soils and mulches for you to do it yourself.

JUNE

- Prune evergreens and hedges
- Thin out crowded annuals, herbs and vegetables
- Add garden waste to composter
- Stake plants that need support: peony cages; trellis for runner beans, etc.
- Check plants for infestations and treat with organic solutions
- Prune spring flowering shrubs and trees after flowering
- Weed and cultivate as required
- Hand pick weeds if beds mulched; fluff up mulch
- Dead-head annuals as required for continual blooming; pinch coleus to increase size
- Fertilize annuals in containers on a bi-weekly basis
- Guide new stems of clematis, honeysuckle and climbing roses toward their supports and tie if need be
- Prune wisteria to control size
- Water as required in the early mornings
- Prune sucker growth off of lower trunk at base of trees
- Fertilize groundcovers
- Have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* provide on-going flowerbed, shrub, hedge, tree maintenance
- Need sod to replace lawn; have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* complete

JULY

- Water in early mornings as required
- Weed, cultivate, dead-head, prune, thin-out, edge, removal of dead or unwanted plants
- Fertilize with natural or organic products if required
- Organic pest and disease control
- Prune climbing roses
- Pick and utilize fresh garden vegetables, edible flowers and herbs
- Have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* provide on-going bed maintenance
- Hardscaping of front, back and side yards for curb appeal and making outdoor living spaces beautiful and functional; contact *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* for design, installation and maintenance of hard



landscaping

AUGUST

- Sow vegetables for fall harvest such as second crop of peas, kale, lettuce,
- Continue flowerbed and garden maintenance
- Fertilize re-blooming roses (climbing roses)
- Remove annuals that are bloomed out such as pansies
- Shear back petunias and sweet alyssum to rejuvenate the plants
- Set out flowering cabbage and kale, pansies, annual ornamental grasses and mums.
- Cut old flowering stems from all perennials that have already bloomed
- Dig and divide bearded iris
- Plant offsets from bugleweed and hens&chicks
- Stake tall asters
- Trim honeysuckle vines, climbing hydrangeas
- If weather dry then provide drenches of water to trees planted earlier in season
- Have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* provide on-going bed maintenance

SEPTEMBER

- Plant evergreens
- Plant garlic
- Amend gardens with composted manure
- Renovate perennial flowerbeds; divide and transplant perennials
- Apply horticultural oil to deciduous shrubs and trees
- Begin dividing clumps of crocuses and daffodils
- Weed, cultivate, dead-head, prune, thin-out, edge, removal of dead and unwanted plants/stems/branches
- Plant perennials, shrubs, hedges and trees
- Prune evergreens and hedges
- Have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* provide on-going bed maintenance; flowerbed installations, rejuvenation and revitalization.

OCTOBER

- Plant spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, crocuses, daffodil, etc.
- Dig up and store summer bulbs such as dahlias, gladiolus, tuberous begonias, cannas, etc.
- Plant amaryllis indoors for Christmas blooms
- Divide and transplant perennials such as bee balm, daylilies, dianthus, yarrows, etc.
- Cut back perennials for winter
- Fall pruning
- Final weeding and cultivating
- Removal of annuals from beds
- Removal of leaves from flowerbeds
- Make sure first year transplants especially trees, shrubs and cedar hedges are well watered before



winter freeze-up

- Put shelters around first year evergreen transplants to protect from winter burn; rose covers to tender perennials; broadleaf evergreens such as rhododendrons and daphne need covering too
- Mulch around plants; cover dormant perennials; base of trees
- Cover strawberries with straw
- Plant evergreen shrubs
- Wrap lower end of tree trunks with protective tree wraps to prevent damage by rabbits, etc.
- Have *Harmony Gardens Landscaping* provide fall cleanup and winterization of flowerbeds; planting; mulching; wrapping.