



## GARDEN JOBS – May

- Mulch plants to control weeds and conserve moisture. Keep mulch a few inches away from the base of all plants.
  - Summer flowers, not fed with slow-release fertilizer, need feeding now.
  - Check citrus for scale disease. Control with oil.
  - Deadhead flowering plants to encourage more blooms.
  - Watch for powdery mildew on roses, grapes, and crape myrtles. Spray with sulfur or potassium bicarbonate.
  - Be ready to deep water trees and shrubs when the heat hits. Build water basins but be sure water drains within several hours. Standing water at trunks encourages disease.
  - Begin to fertilize vegetables monthly.
  - Thin fruit trees. Leave a space the size of the fruit between each remaining fruit.
  - Deter birds with netting or strips of shiny mylar or foil.
  - Prune and shape spring-flowering shrubs when bloom is finished.
  - Lightly trim and shape azaleas, fuchsias, and marguerites for fullness.
  - Remember to feed indoor house plants. If you use slow-release fertilizer, mark the date you need to feed again on your calendar.
  - *check out our new displays in the nursery!!*
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