

Garden Care Calendar

SPRING, March-May

Planting Beds, Trees, Shrubs

- Mulch beds with compost, leaves or wood chips to conserve water and control weeds
- Apply organic slow-release fertilizer
- Plant annuals for color
- Clean up and secure vines
- Watch for slugs, snails and other pests; call In Harmony for professional advice

Lawn

- Aerate, overseed annually in spring or fall
- Fertilize in late May

Watering

- Test and adjust irrigation system
- Lay out soaker hoses in beds, cover with mulch
- Begin watering as needed

FALL, September-November

Planting Beds, Trees, Shrubs

- Clean up dropped leaves of any diseased plants and put in yard waste
- Mulch garden beds to reduce winter weeds
- Deadhead annuals, perennials and shrubs
- Divide perennials as needed
- Plant winter color spots and spring bulbs

Lawn

- Aerate and overseed in September to mid-October to improve thin areas
- Fertilize in September
- Rake up dropped leaves; they can be left in beds for winter mulch

Watering

- Check and adjust irrigation for fall weather
- When fall rains return, shut off irrigation system

SUMMER, June-August

Planting Beds, Trees, Shrubs

- Stake/support tall perennials, annuals and vines
- Deadhead annuals, perennials and shrubs to promote continued blooming

Lawn

- Mow regularly, and leave the clippings on the lawn

Watering

- Check and adjust irrigation for summer weather

Other

- Sit in your garden with a tall, cool drink!

WINTER, December-February

Planting Beds, Trees, Shrubs

- Have pruning professional clean up and shape trees (every two years)

Lawn

- Sharpen mower blades

Watering

- Plan drip irrigation or soaker hoses for next season

Other

- Visit Northwest Flower & Garden Show
- Peruse gardening books

