

Celebrate Spring!



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PLANT:



• Time to sow your **tomato seeds and other summer vegetable seeds** in containers. Use a **Jump Start Seedling Heat Mat** to provide bottom heat for faster germination. Wait for the ground to warm a bit more before you plant seeds directly into the ground outdoors. We offer an extensive variety of seeds! See our latest line, **Baker Creek Heirloom Seed** for some exciting choices!

• Plant future **fruit harvests** from our terrific tree selection. We offer starter sizes, multi-grafts and espaliers. Learn how to maximize your harvest in small spaces by following our **Backyard Orchard Culture Guide**. Take advantage of all our helpful guides to success. Check them out on our website, www.Yamagamis.com under Garden Guides.

• Grow your own **organic veggie garden**. We offer lots of organically grown veggies and herbs, fertilizers and soils. Attend FREE classes and get started! See Coming Events for class details.

• **Early tomatoes** have started to arrive. They include cold-tolerant varieties but they will all still do better if planted with a **Cozy Coat** to provide protection from cool nights like individual greenhouses. Come in to see our samples of how to plant early tomatoes successfully.

• Grow your own **potatoes!** We have some tasty varieties to try. Limited space? Try container growing them in a special grow bag. Pick up a copy of our **FREE Potato Planting**

Guide and enjoy tasty and bountiful harvests!

• Celebrate **Citrus!** We have a great selection in stock. If space is an issue, consider planting dwarf varieties in containers. When you really want homegrown citrus there is always a way. Just ask us! Follow our **FREE Citrus Planting Guide** for guaranteed success. **Join us on March 18th for a Citrus Tasting.** See Coming Events for details.



• It's time for **Summer-blooming bulbs**. Choose from Dahlias, Gladiolus, Lilies and Begonias. See our **FREE Bulb Planting Guide** for the details. **Tall Dahlia planting tip:** The key to growing strong Dahlias is to plant them in 12" deep holes and cover them with only 3" of soil. Gradually cover them with soil as they grow. Place a 1" x 1" x 6' tall stake next to the "bulb" when you plant it to support the heavy flowering stem.

FERTILIZE:

• Lawns need to be fed to support their spring growth. We recommend using natural and organic **G & B Lawn Fertilizer**. Because it's organic, it feeds slowly without increasing the lawn's watering needs, plus it doesn't run off into our storm drains.

• Pretty much your entire landscape

will benefit from a **spring feeding**.

We offer a complete line of **G & B Organic Fertilizers** for all your garden's needs.

• Take advantage of any upcoming rains to fertilize your **groundcovers, hedges, trees and other landscape plants**. The rain will water it in for you! **G & B All Purpose Fertilizer** is an excellent natural and organic fertilizer that is OMRI approved. It doesn't need to be dug into the soil, just toss it on top of the soil and water it in. G & B now offers **All Purpose Fertilizer** in a liquid form! Use it on houseplants and container gardens!

• Feed your **roses** with **G & B Rose and Flower Food** to fuel their spring growth spurt. Supplement with **AlfaGrow Alfalfa Pellets** for micro nutrients that support vigorous branching and blooming.

• Use **GrowMore Cymbidium Growth Formula (30-10-10)** on your **Cymbidium Orchids** every two weeks once they have finished blooming (also a good time to divide). Continue with this formulation until August or September when it's time to set buds again.

• Feed your **blooming plants and container gardens** with

Maxsea 16-16-16 to keep them blooming vigorously. It contains seaweed to provide extra nutrients not available in potting soils.

You can even apply it as a foliar spray for faster response.



PRUNE:

• Plants are budding out now, so

keep the pruning shears handy and **manage plant growth** by cutting to favor buds that open in the direction you want growth to take place. Generally, you want to cut just after plants finish blooming to above a bud or node at a 45 degree angle.



- Check your **dwarf Citrus** for “water sprouts”. They are branches with larger leaves and thorns that shoot out quickly. They look quite different than normal growth. Remove them down to their base as they will dominate and choke out good, fruit-bearing branches.
- Prune off **frost-damaged growth**. Start at the outer tips and prune back until you find green tissue just under the bark. Fertilize after pruning to stimulate new growth. Grasses can be cut to the ground, but be careful not to damage tender new growth.

PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE:

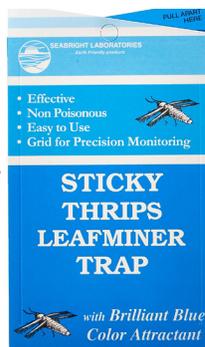
- **Trapping** is an excellent way to determine if certain common pests become active in your garden. In the case of a light infestation, trapping alone will eliminate some of the breeding population. For heavier infestations, trapping will serve as an indicator of when to spray. **Like any other pest or disease problem, early detection makes the problem easier to control!**
- **Citrus Leaf Miner** has become a wide-spread pest. Leaves are curled with whitish trails. If you are not sure about your funny looking leaves, bring samples in plastic bags to the Info Center for ID. If a neighbor's tree shows symptoms, hang **Citrus Leaf Miner Traps** in your trees to monitor for an infestation. Do not

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cut off damaged branches or leaves because that promotes new, vulnerable growth. Spray 3 times, 10 days apart, with **Monterey Garden Insect Spray** to control. Then hang traps to monitor for a re-infestation.

- Prevent **wormy apples!** Set **Codling Moth traps** out two weeks before the trees come into bloom. Codling moths lay eggs that hatch into the worms you find in apples and pears. Encourage your neighbors to set traps too. If traps become half full, replace them and start spraying at dusk with **Monterey Garden Insect Spray** (spinosad). See our FREE Fruit Tree Care Calendar for more information.

- Hang **Sticky Whitefly Traps** to monitor the whitefly population and **Sticky Blue Thrip Traps** help monitor thrip populations before either pest can get out of control. The traps are safe to use in flower, fruit or vegetable gardens.



- Keep hungry pests from devouring tender young plants. Use **Floating Row Cover** over rows or single plants to block caterpillars, moths, snails and birds from gaining access. **Pest Guards** block skunk, raccoons, deer, and squirrels from destroying young plants.

- Spray **Monterey Liqui-Cop** during the bloom season of Apples, Asian Pears, and Pears to prevent **fireblight**. If no plants are underneath, spray soil surface too. In mid to late summer, prune blackened branches 8” - 12” below the blackening to cut out the infection.
- For **Brown Rot** control on apricots or peaches, spray during bloom with **Spectracide Multi-Purpose Fungicide**.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE:

- If you see Peach Leaf Curl on Peach or Nectarine trees, pick off as many curly leaves as possible. Then, as a foliar spray, apply **GrowMore Seaweed Extract** at 1 oz. per gal.

of water, weekly, until new growth comes in clean. It's not a poison; it works by beefing up the skin cells of the leaves.

- **Spotted Wing Fruit Flies** attack cherries, berries, and other fruits, including grapes. They lay eggs that hatch into maggots that ruin your crop. We recommend spraying at dusk with OMRI approved **Monterey Garden Insect Spray** as fruit develops, starting at about 3 weeks after trees are done blooming. **The same treatment is recommended for Olive Fly.**

Coming Events:

- **Sunday, March 18th, 12 noon to 2 PM: A Celebration of**



Citrus including a tasting! See and sample many varieties of fresh citrus fruit. Citrus-enhanced goodies will also be available! Samples provided by Generations Growers who will be present to answer your citrus questions. Discover the best citrus for your garden. FREE!



- **Sunday, April 1st: Easter Sunday Special!** When you bring your items to the cashier, you get to choose an **Easter Egg** with a discount written inside of **20% to 50%!** **Note: We are closing at 2 PM. Details in store.**

- **April 4th - 8th S. F. Flower & Garden Show!** Buy your ticket here to avoid the line at the show. Bring your ticket back after the show (no matter where you purchased it) for \$10 off a \$40 or larger purchase through April 22nd.

