

Happy Spring Planting!



April 2017 Garden Planner

PLANT:



- Choose the right **Avocado** tree for your garden. Check out our *Avocado Guide* (on our website) for info on the different varieties. Follow our *Citrus and Avocado Planting Guide* for guaranteed success.

- It's time to plant **Citrus trees**. We primarily offer dwarf and semi-dwarf trees for ease of picking and pruning without ladders.. We stock several exotic varieties like Yuzu Lime, Thai Lime Leaf, and Pommelo.

- **Summer veggie** offerings are at their peak this month. We stock a staggering number of tomato varieties with plenty of heirlooms and heirloom offspring in the mix. See our **Tomato List and Suggestions** on our website, www.Yamagamis.com. We also offer as many organically grown varieties as we can.

- **Herbs** are the perfect complement to your vegetable garden. Herbs can turn a vegetable garden into a cook's theme garden. Herbs also attract beneficial insects to your vegetable garden, as well as provide edible flowers or seeds. If space is an issue, grow herbs in containers.

- Raised bed kits give you an **instant garden**. Fill with **G & B Raised Bed And Potting Mix** and you're ready to grow!

- **California native plants, Australian plants** and other water-wise plants transplant easily this month.

- **Container gardens** are a great way to add edibles to a small garden space. We offer a wide selection of containers from large to small. Try

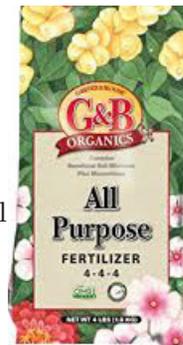
Smart Pots for lightweight, reusable containers that allow roots to thrive. Use **G & B Potting Soil** for excellent results.

- You can still plant **summer-blooming bulbs** like Dahlias and Gladiolas. Hurry in to pick some up before they are all gone. Follow our **FREE Spring Bulb Planting Guide** for success!

- Plant **seed potatoes** for the joy of home-grown mashies. Follow our **FREE Potato Planting Guide** for best results. You can even grow them in containers!

FERTILIZE:

- **Heavy rains** leach nutrients from soil. Replenish your soil by feeding all your established **landscape shrubs and trees** with all natural and organic **G & B All Purpose Fertilizer**. Acid-lovers (Camellias, Azaleas, Gardenias) enjoy **G & B Rhododendron, Azalea and Camellia Fertilizer** that also helps acidify the soil.



- **Roses** need feeding as they push their new growth and start budding. If you didn't do it yet, here's Yamagami's spring recommendation: Use 2 cups **AlfaGrow** and 1 1/3 cup **G & B Rose Fertilizer** per plant. Water thoroughly after application.

- Time to apply **G & B Fruit Tree Fertilizer** to all your fruit trees including citrus and avocados. They need this feeding to support their new growth and fruit.

- Apply **G & B Lawn Fertilizer** for an organic boost. It feeds the soil as well as the lawn. It contains beneficial soil microbes which help your lawn process fertilizer and water much more efficiently. It greens without increasing the lawn's water-

ing and mowing needs.

- Continue to care for **spring-blooming bulbs** by removing spent flowers and fertilizing with **Espoma Bulb-Tone**. Keep the leaves healthy and green after bloom as long as possible to store energy for next year's bloom. Do not cut off green leaves; wait till they have died back on their own before removing.

PRUNE

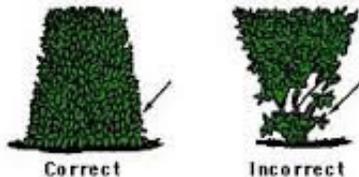
- If your **Japanese Maple** has branches that did not leaf out, cut them off. Look at the cross section for dark staining and look at the trunk for dark streaking. If you see them, its possible your tree is showing damage from **Verticillium Wilt**. Treat with Phyton 27 and fertilize. If the dead twigs are primarily at the top, it may just be drought damage. Keep the tree vigorous with regular fertilizing and water to help it outgrow any damage,

- If your **Citrus** tree is out of shape, now is the time to prune and thin it. Be on the lookout for "water sprouts" especially on dwarf citrus. These are unusually fast-growing stems that have visibly larger leaves and large thorns. Remove water sprouts back to their base. They will not fruit, but will grow so vigorously that they will take over the tree.



- Prune **spring-flowering shrubs, vines, and trees** after they finish blooming to maintain size and shape. You can remove up to 35% of the growth. Continue to deadhead any Rhododendrons that have faded

blooms. If you are unsure of how to do this, ask a Nursery Pro to demonstrate.



- Trim **hedges** as they put on their spring burst of growth to shape and control size. Remember to keep the top narrower than the base so the top doesn't shade the lower half of the hedge.
- If you have not already done so, remove **winter damage/ dead wood** on your trees, vines and shrubs. Cut back frosted growth, starting at the outer tips until you encounter green wood. Dead branches should be pruned to just above any new growth.
- Pinch the tips on **Fuchsias** to encourage bushiness. Hanging baskets can be pruned back to the edge of the container.

PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE:

- Save your lawn from **Grubs**, and just as importantly, from the raccoons that come to rip up your lawn at night looking for them. We offer **beneficial nematodes** as an organic control. Repeat application in August. Use good bugs to get the bad ones! We also offer Safer Grub Killer using neem oil as another natural, organic control.
- **Fireblight** affects apples, pears and quince. It shows up in late spring or early summer as blackening of small branches starting at old flowers and heading down to major branches or the trunk. Spray **Monterey LiquiCop** during the blooming season to prevent infection.
- **Brown Rot** can be a problem for apricots and peaches. Prevent it by spraying with **Spectracide Im-munox** during the bloom season. It shows up as a brown, sometimes fuzzy, rotten spot on the fruit. Providing good air circulation by thin-

ning the branches and the fruit will also help prevent it. Heavy rains during the bloom season will spread the infection and can ruin the entire crop.

- **Citrus Leaf Miner** has become a nasty pest. Symptoms are curled new growth with white trails in the leaf. If you had leafminers last year, chances are good you will again this year. Place **ISCalure Citrus Leafminer traps** in your trees now. Monitoring the traps will let you know when the pests are back. If your trap starts to fill, spray with OMRI approved **Monterey Garden Insect Spray**. It will take 3 applications, 10 days apart, to knock them out. Spray at dusk so as not to spray your bees.



- If you found maggots in your cherries, plums or berries last year, you'll need to spray with OMRI approved **Monterey Garden Insect Spray** as fruit starts to ripen. If you have these fruit but didn't see this pest last year, set out **ISCA Ball Traps**, and spray if spotted wing fruit flies appear. You will need to spray right away to save your fruit. **Treatment of Olive Fly is the same.**

GARDEN MAINTENANCE:

- **Be on the lookout** for insect pests on the new, lush spring growth of your plants. Bring bagged samples of any pests to the Info Center for one of our experienced staff to diagnose.
- If your peaches and nectarines have **Peach Leaf Curl**, spray with **Growmore Seaweed Extract** weekly until new growth comes in clean. The seaweed enables peach leaves to resist infection. Pick off and throw away infected leaves before spraying.
- **Stake or cage** tomatoes before they get too big to handle. We have a great selection of cages in stock.

- Start on **Bermuda Grass** control in your lawn by spraying **Monterey Turflon Ester** when the first flower appears. Repeat sprays as directed. Add **Monterey Nature's Own Spray Helper** to your spray solution for better sticking and efficacy.
- Maintain the height of your **lawn** at 2 1/2 to 3 inches, about 1/2 inch higher than normal. **Keeping it a little higher reduces its water use.** Mow regularly so that you are removing only about 1/2" every time. Water your lawn deeply and less often to help it withstand summer heat to come.
- Control **Powdery Mildew** on grapes by dusting with **Bonide Sulfur Dust** when new shoots are 6"-18" long. Try putting the sulfur in an old sock and shaking it over the plants and undersides of leaves when plants are damp.

COMING EVENTS:



- April 5th - April 9th San Francisco Flower & Garden Show! It's a fun experience for the whole family, with innovative display gardens, free classes and a wonderland of garden shopping. Tickets are \$22.00. Buy your tickets here, and avoid the line at the show. Bring your ticket back after the show (no matter where you purchased it) and receive \$10 off a \$40 or larger purchase until April 24th.
- **Sunday, April 16th Easter Sunday Special!** After shopping, pick out an Easter Egg at the cashier and get a 20% to 50% discount (listed in the egg) off your entire purchase. Do you feel lucky? **We will close at 2 PM.**

