

May Garden Checklist



- Add a thick layer of mulch to your garden beds & fruit trees.

- Provide shade to the areas of your garden that need it.

- Increase watering. Check soil often to determine frequency.

- Harvest garlic when the bulbs are well-formed and 3-4 lower leaves brown.

- Harvest onions about 10 days after tops fall over.

- Cure garlic and onions for longer storage. Use/preserve bolted right away.

- Harvest warm-season crops like squash & beans often to encourage production.

- Allow wildflowers to form seeds. Spread seeds & save some. Remove spent plants.

- Replace cool-season flowers with warm-season blooms.

- Dead-head or prune spring blooming perennials lightly.

- Fertilize citrus this month. Water well before and after.

- Check grapevines for skeletonizers. Treat with Bt if needed. Thin fruit as needed.

- Plant warm-season crops; see May Planting Guide on Growinginthegarden.com.

- Plant cover crops in beds that won't be used this summer.

- Start seeds indoors for monsoon-planted tomatoes & peppers.

- Enjoy peach, mulberry, strawberry, blackberry & other fruit harvests!

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