



## January Gardening Tips

-If you had a living Christmas tree for the holidays you will need to find a home outside.....It will be much happier!

-Hellebores, Winter Blooming Heathers and Primroses are great options for winter color.

-Continue to provide seed, suet and nectar to keep the bird population healthy

-This is a great time to prepare your spring landscaping and to do your garden planning.

*(The Barn Nursery and Great Western Supply are always here to help!)*

-Weeding now can mean less work later.

-Vegetable seeds will be coming in soon.  
*(Please call to check the expected delivery date, for our inventory selection will be at its best.)*

-Sharpen your shears for winter pruning

-Winter blooming bulbs will be peeking up from the winters cold ground....remove leaves to clear room for them!



## February Gardening Tips

-A good time of the year to scheme, dream and plan for your garden.  
Would you like a greenhouse to be an addition? We have them!  
Stop by and see!!

-Get a jump on spring by cleaning up your yard of winter debris.  
Rotting plants in the garden should be removed.

-Sharpen those garden tools!!

-Start buying your seeds. The Barn Nursery specializes in seeds for the  
NW gardener. Full assortment of seed including organic and no GMO's

-Prune, Prune, Prune! Your fruit trees and shrubs are waiting.

-Use dormant spray on your roses, fruit trees and deciduous shrubs.

-Come in soon and see our wonderful selection of bareroots... fruit  
trees, shrubs, berries etc...

-“Everything is coming up Roses” ...Which one will be your favorite?  
Come see all the varieties!

-Destroy those *slimmy* slugs...the baby ones are hatching this time of  
the year.

-Pull weeds before they seed.



## March Gardening Tips

- March marks the beginning of the tree and shrub planting season. We have a huge assortment.... stop by and see.
- The danger of the frost has maybe not past. Make sure to protect those tender plants.
  - Keep an eye on slugs and cutworms.
  - Aphids like to make their appearance too.
- Monitor crane fly if you have had past damage.
- March is a great time for first lawn feeding.
- Spuds are here! Nothing beats fresh potatoes from the garden.  
*(Please call on their arrival date. They sell out fast!!)*
- Divide Hostas, Daylilies, Mums, and Peonies.
  - Prune Evergreens.
- Use a soil thermometer to determine soil temperature for planting.
- Try to pull weeds before they set seed.



## April Gardening Tips

- Cultivate vegetable garden, add fertilizer, compost and lime.  
*(Great Western Supply has a great selection of soil mixes in stock and available for delivery or pick up!)*
- Still time to plant Swiss chard, peas, onions and potatoes directly in the ground.
- Lawn care: mow, thatch, and apply fertilizer and lime.
- Fertilize and prune shrubs, trees and roses, if not done already.
- Divide and transplant summer blooming perennials.
  - Add manure or compost around Rhubarb, Gunnera and Artichokes.  
*(Readily available at Great Western Supply right next door!)*
- Select and plant fruit trees and berry plants.
- Start tomatoes, squash, basil, peppers and many other vegetables inside from seed.
- Fertilize pond plants



## May Gardening Tips

- May is generally the first month recommended for outside planting of most warm season vegetables.
- If you started seed indoors or in a greenhouse, it may be warm enough to acclimate them to outside temperature.
- Plant now for summer parties and gatherings.  
This is now the annual planting season!!
- May is a great time to plant “woody” plants.
- Feed your established trees and shrubs.
- Roses are getting ready for their first bloom.  
Feed them and watch for pests.
- Trim, shape and size established hedges.
- Rhododendrons and other flowering evergreens can be pruned just after bloom.
- Fertilize existing perennials if you haven’t done so yet.

- You may want to add a thin layer of compost on top of soil to suppress those darn weeds.
- Get Peonies and Dahlias caged for good support as they grow.
- Try to control the uncontrollable slug population and rapidly spreading aphids with insecticidal sprays and baits.  
*(Many are safe for people and pets.)*
- Clean out your pond if you haven't already done so and make sure to check the pump.



**Other May Special Dates:**

May Day! Surprise someone with a bouquet of flowers!

Happy Mother's Day!

May is Barbecue Month

May is Salad Month...Eat those Greens!



## June Gardening Tips

-Check your plants for garden insect pests that may be hiding.

-Watch out for crane flies that may be active in your lawn.

-Feed your roses and other flowering shrubs.

*(Remember... June is National Rose Month)*

-Watch out for fungal problems on your fruit, shrubs and trees.

-In late June, pinch back Chrysanthemums and Asters.

-Mulch well to conserve moisture, this will help keep the roots cool and reduce weeds.

-Support growing Dahlias.

-Dead head Rhododendron's.

-Raise mower height.

-Get yourself some new color with popping annuals and plant where color is needed.



## July Gardening Tips

- Increase water especially for containers and hanging plants.
- Have a support system for the taller growing perennials.
  - When you see signs of disease or pest problems, take care of as soon as possible.
  - Enjoy the roses that are in full bloom.
  - Visit Olympia's Japanese Garden
- Start planning ahead for the fall garden.
- Plant bare areas in the vegetable garden with cover crop.
  - Continue your plantings of salad crops.
  - Harvest often to keep plants productive.
- Feed berry plants with liquid kelp or fish emulsion.
  - Direct sow cool season crops in late July.



## August Gardening Tips

- Irrigation is an activity that may have to happen, even in the Northwest.
- Do you need to spruce up your baskets, pots and flower beds with annuals?
- Heat loving perennials are at their best.
- Dormant summer lawns will recover.
- Dead head roses and annuals regularly.
- Standing water becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Make sure to check old tires, buckets, and any other object that might hold standing water.

### Other August Special Dates:

August is National Peach month.

Great time to grill your fresh grown veggies on the barbecue!



# September Gardening Tips

- As necessary, apply copper spray to peaches and cherry trees.
- Control slugs as necessary by using the least toxic management options.
- Divide Peonies and Iris.
- Keep cutting Dahlias as they open.
- Stake tall flowers to keep them from blowing over in fall winds.
- Aerate lawns, apply an organic fertilizer, add lime and new grass seed if necessary.
- Pick and store winter squash.

## Other September Special Dates:

September is Honey Month

Barn Customer Appreciation Day is in September



## October Gardening Tips

- Soil warmed by the sun and rains in fall are the best combination to plant anything.
- Buy spring blooming bulbs.
- Prune raspberry canes.
- Plant garlic for harvesting next summer.
- Plant onions and fava beans.
- Remove and dispose of windfall apples that might be harboring apple maggot or codling moth larvae.

### Other October Special Dates:

National Vegetarian Month – Eat your Vegetables!!

“Adopt a Shelter Rescue Dog” Month.

Carve a pumpkin...no surprise here!!



# **November Gardening Tips**

- Fall cleanup in the garden includes cutting back spent/finished flowers and raking leaves.
- Apply dormant spray.
- Consider pruning overly heavy limbs to prevent wind storm damage.
- Start a compost pile.
- Clean and oil garden tools before winter storage.

## **Other November Special Dates:**

Aviation Month...visit our local aviation museum....  
Our neighbor located just down the road.

Happy Thanksgiving Day!



## December Gardening Tips

- Winter time is a good time to prune most deciduous trees and shrubs.
  - Apply dormant spray in early winter.
- Winterize garden tools before storing them by cleaning, sharpening and oiling.
- Time to plant garlic to harvest next summer...last chance to plant spring bulbs.
  - Your empty garden beds can be mulched.
- Use moss control in your lawn, it begins to encroach this time of year.
- Protect young and tender plants...move to a protected area.
  - Dig, divide and store Dahlias.
  - Prepare roses for winter and mulch.
  - Plant and transplant shrubs and trees during these dormant months.