

Savor Summer Gardens!



June 2017 Garden Planner

Plant: Plant at dusk and water in thoroughly to ease any transplant shock. Pay special attention to the watering instructions on our planting guides.

• **Vegetables for small spaces** include vertically-grown pole beans and cucumbers. Try using tall tomato cages as support in containers or in the ground. Plant containers of mixed greens, chard, peppers, and bush-type tomatoes.



• Plant veggies like **beans, corn, and greens at 2 week intervals** for an extended harvest. Plant by seed or seedlings. We offer many gourmet varieties, including organically grown choices.

• **Fruit trees and Citrus** are in good supply for your backyard orchard. **Fruit trees make great Father's Day gifts!** Dwarf varieties can be grown in containers. Pick up and follow our FREE planting guides to help you succeed the first time!

• **Consider replacing some or all of your lawn with water-wise plants.** Use Sunroses, Verbenas, Lantanas, or Ceanothus as colorful, water-wise groundcovers.

• **Heat-loving, water-wise annual color** like Vinca rosea, Salvias, Portulaca and Celosia will bloom well into the fall. Perennial water-wise color choices include Yarrows, Verbenas, and Penstemon. It is possible to have a colorful flower garden and still be water-wise.

FERTILIZE:

• Check your **trees, shrubs, and**

groundcovers first to see if they need feeding. Healthy, full-sized foliage with good color means the plant is fine and can wait to be fed in the fall. Spring-blooming shrubs that have just been cut back should be fertilized with **G & B All Purpose Fertilizer**.

• **G & B Lawn Fertilizer** will keep your **lawn** green without increasing its water needs. It contains beneficial bacteria and fungi to feed your lawn and add life to your soil. Because it is all organic, it breaks down slowly and does not run off into our groundwater like chemical fertilizers.

• Don't forget your **house plants**. Feed with **Maxsea All Purpose 16-16-16** once a month or dilute to quarter strength and use with each watering. Consider covering hot south or west facing windows with a sheer curtain to prevent sunburn.

• **Tropical plants** like Hibiscus, Bougainvilleas and Plumerias have special fertilizing preferences. Give them all natural and organic **G & B Palm, Tropical and Hibiscus Fertilizer** to keep them lush and blooming.



• For the best flower production from **Fuchsias**, feed bi-monthly with **Romeo 15-30-15**. Removing the seed pods (berries) and pinching back renegade growth will also help promote and prolong flower production.

• **Roses** and other blooming plants will love a foliar feeding of **Maxsea 16-16-16 Fertilizer**. Best time to apply is early in the morning before it gets hot.

PRUNE:

• Prune **spring-flowering shrubs**

and hedges once their flowers are finished. It keeps them bushy and allows them plenty of time to grow and set buds for next year's blooming.

• Time to **summer prune** your fruit trees to control their size. View our **FREE Backyard Orchard Culture Guide** on our website, www.Yamagamis.com, or pick



up a copy here for more information. You can also thin your fruit as you prune. Pest and disease problems are more likely if fruits touch each other on the branch.

• **Reduce watering needs** by pruning back large, unshapely or overgrown plants. Smaller plants need less water. You can then spray plants with **Cloud Cover** which reduces their water use even further.

• **Pinch back** Chrysanthemums, Fuchsias, Geraniums, and Marguerites to encourage branching and more flowers. If your Euryops have stopped blooming, cut them back by half to keep them bushy. For assistance in training your **Chrysanthemums**, consult the experts on June 3rd and 4th. See Coming events for details.

• **Fungal and bacterial diseases on leaves** should be pruned off to help any treatment be more effective. Pick up any diseased leaves that have fallen to keep diseases from continuing to live in the soil.

• **Roses** and other plants should be **thinned** to allow air to circulate through the plant's branches. Re-

move branches that grow into each other or into the center of the plant. Good air circulation is key to good dis-



ease prevention.

• If it has been about two months since your **Wisteria** vine bloomed, cut it back now. Prune the lateral and side shoots to about 6 inches long from a main branch to encourage the production of flowering spurs.

• **Spring-blooming bulbs** may be dug up and stored once their foliage has died down on its own. **Do not cut off green leaves** because they supply the energy for next year's bloom. You can **braid leaves** to keep them out of the way, so you can plant around them. Remove spent flowering stalks of **Bearded Iris** to prevent them from wasting energy setting seed.

PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE:

• Protect young fruit trees, avocados, citrus and thin-barked trees from **sunburn** with **Go Natural Paint**. Newly espaliered or heavily pruned fruit trees are especially susceptible. Trees going through drought stress are also more susceptible. Sunburned trunks are a siren's song to borers.

• **Summer scorch** on your Japanese Maples (and other heat-sensitive plants) can be caused by drought, wind, salts in the soil making it alkaline, and reflected heat. A 2" to 3" layer of mulch will keep roots cooler and ease drought, wind, and reflected heat issues. Reduce salt burn on leaves by applying **Soil Acidifier**. Spray with **Cloud Cover** to further reduce sun and wind scorch.

• Protect your precious **fruit crop!** Support tree branches heavy with fruit using a **Prop-a-Crop**. Protect the fruit itself from birds with **Ross Netting** or **Flash Tape**. Tie **Flash tape** into the tree branches before the

fruit starts to ripen.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE:

• On fruit trees, **June drop** can be expected between May and July. It is your fruit trees' way of dealing with an overabundance of fruit.

• **Mulch everything!** A 2" to 3" layer of mulch can save up to 30% of your garden watering needs. It also prevents water-thieving weeds from sprouting and growing.

• **Trees and shrubs** should be deep watered when soil is barely moist 2" to 4" down. Frequency will vary with type of plant, age of plant, and our fluctuating weather. Lay a soaker hose out over the drip line to deep soak just the root zone, saving water and reducing weed growth.

• If you notice **stickiness on a plant** and don't see aphids or whiteflies, look for scale. Scale comes in different colors but they mostly resemble small, hard shells stuck to stems. Control **scale and other insects** with non-toxic **Organocide**.



• Watch for evidence of **budworm** on your Petunias, Penstemon, and Geraniums. Symptoms are black specks on the leaves and holes in the flowers and buds. Control with weekly sprays of OMRI approved **Monterey Bt** which contains a bacteria harmless to everyone except caterpillars. It will also control tomato hornworm.

• Use all-organic **Sluggo** to control **snails and slugs** safely on your flowers or vegetables. If you see earwig damage on your flowers, use **Sluggo Plus** to control snails and slugs, plus earwigs and cutworms

• In late June begin to withhold water on your **Amaryllis bulbs** that bloomed indoors earlier. By forcing the dormancy now you will be on track for re-bloom at Christmas.

COMING EVENTS:

• **Sat., June 3rd and Sun., June 4th Chrysanthemum Starter Plant**

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Sale! The sale is a benefit for the newly-formed Bay Area Chrysanthemum Society. Their experts will be here to give the guidance you need to succeed! **10 AM to 3 PM both days.**

• **Sat., June 10th 10AM to 2 PM: Fuchsia Show and Sale.** Come see some beautiful Fuchsia blossoms on display and purchase starter plants to benefit the Fuchsia Society. Society members will be present and happy to answer all your questions. Learn how to grow your own.



• **Sat. and Sun., June 17th - 18th Father's Day Specials: 20% OFF All Cacti and Succulents!** We offer a great selection from starter size to landscape size, plus dish gardens.

• **Thursday, June 22nd - Sunday, June 25th:**



Summer Celebration Sale! 30% to 50% OFF Select plants, pots, and giftware! Spruce up your garden for summer entertaining!

• **Mon., July 3rd Yamagami's is closed for inventory.**

• **Tues., July 4th Yamagami's is closed** to celebrate with our families. We wish you all a happy and safe 4th of July!

