

PROJECTS - AND - SHOPPING LIST

FOR FRESH COLOR

- 1 Refresh container plantings with vibrant seasonal color
 - fragrant Wallflower
 - Hyacinth
 - Ranunculus
 - Anemones
 - Spring flowering bulbs

- 2 Spruce up landscape plantings with early annual color. Hellebores are a great perennial plant investment; they are evergreen, easy to care for and are in bloom now.
 - Primroses
 - Pansies
 - Violas
 - Spring Flowering Bulbs
 - Hellebores

- 3 As new growth appears throughout the garden on perennials & shrubs apply Dr. Earth Life Fertilizer & Cascade Minerals to help support lush, vigorous growth. Control early slug population. Divide hosta, daylily, etc. as they emerge.
 - Dr. Earth Life Fertilizer
 - Cascade Minerals
 - Sluggo

FOR THE LAWN

- 4 **Control moss** in lawns & landscape beds
 - Moss Out

- 5 **Add lime** to adjust pH to allow fertilizer to be more easily taken up by grass, plus it makes acid-loving moss uncomfortable.
 - Lime

- 6 **Apply** Dr. Earth Lawn Fertilizer after the first mowing of the season to support a lush carpet of grass.
 - Dr Earth Lawn Fertilizer

- 7 After March 15th grass seed can be put down to patch and fill areas. Cover new seed with a fine layer of Black Forest Compost.
 - Grass Seed
 - Black Forest Compost

FOR THE EDIBLE GARDEN

- 8 Use Soil Testing Kits to measure the Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium and pH of soil to plan for its needs for the coming growing season. Use Soil Thermometer to check temperatures; ok to start planting at 40-45 degrees.
 - Soil Testing Kit
 - Soil Thermometer

- 9 Amend the soil to enrich & improve quality.
 - Black Forest or Malibu Compost

- 10 As new growth appears on perennials & shrubs, apply Dr. Earth Life Fertilizer to support lush growth. Apply it in a doughnut around the trunk or clump.
 - Dr Earth Life Fertilizer

- 11 Time to Plant!

COLD CROPS Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Kale, Leeks, Lettuce, Onions, Peas, Radishes, Spinach & Swiss Chard	PERENNIAL VEGGIES Artichoke, Asparagus, Rhubarb, Fruit Trees & Berries	PERENNIAL HERBS Chives, Lavender, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme & cold tolerant Parsley	FROM SEED (indoors) Tomatoes, peppers, squash, eggplant
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IN THE GARDEN SHED

12 Go through old chemicals & fertilizers. Properly dispose of anything that is old & ineffectual. Many waste companies have select days when residential chemicals can be disposed of at their facility or at weekly pick-up. Check with your local waste management company or call the Metro Hotline at 503.234.3000.

13 Make a list of chemicals and fertilizers that are commonly used and will need to be replenished

14 Go through old seeds and dispose of those that are too old to germinate (seeds have a packaging date listed on their package). Generally speaking one to two years for large seeded plants like corn, beans & squash, and up to five years for small seeded plants like lettuce, leeks & grass seed.

15 Use Moss Out for Roofs & Walks to get rid of moss around the home. This non-staining formula will kill moss without discoloring concrete. Moss Out for Roofs & Walks

16 Fertilize roses with Portland Rose Society 15-10-10 or organic food, feed raspberries & other cane berries with slow release, organic fertilizer such as Dr. Earth Life. Rose Society Fertilizer
 Dr. Earth Life

17 **BASIC SPRING PRUNING LIST:** (General rule of thumb: prune spring-flowering shrubs & trees after blossoms fade)

Abelia	Albizia/mimosa	Aucuba	Callicarpa/beautyberry
Pinus (candling)	Cistus/rockrose	Cornus/twig dogwood	Caryopteris/bluebeard
Evergreen ferns	Hamamelis/witch hazel	Lonicera nitida	Ornamental grasses
Pyracantha	Syringa/lilac (after blooms fade)		
Spiraea (prune spring-flowering types after flowers finish blooming)			
Lavender (never cut-back to bare-wood stems)			

JUST FOR FUN

18 Make a miniature garden or mini-scape with mosses, rocks, & early spring flowering plants like arabis, bellis, and saxifrage. Check out our selection of tiny garden accessories to decorate after planting.

19 Near the end of the month plant some grass seed to grow indoors for Easter decorations; young grass shoots should be up within a week or so.

