

Year-Round Garden Tasks

This guide provides general suggestions for common plantings and garden tasks throughout the year. These can vary based on climatic zones.

	FALL: Sept, Oct, Nov	WINTER: Dec, Jan, Feb	SPRING: Mar, Apr, May	SUMMER: Jun, Jul, Aug
Garden tasks through the seasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ Check and repair irrigation ♣ Inventory tools ♣ Weed garden paths and open areas & cover in deep layers with wood chips or other path material ♣ Mulch cold sensitive perennials ♣ Make & check plant labels ♣ Save seeds on spring summer flowers or chosen warm season crops ♣ Collect plant material and make compost piles ♣ Plant cover crop seed ♣ Plant perennial flowers and shrubs ♣ In colder areas, protect plants from frost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ Prune trees & shrubs ♣ Rejuvenate perennial areas by adding compost around plants ♣ Cut back dead flower stalks on all perennial herbs and ornamentals ♣ Add compost and mulch around base of fruit trees ♣ Cover plants that are frost sensitive ♣ Order seed and plan for spring garden ♣ Stay ahead of winter weeds ♣ Maintain worm composting ♣ Plan for spring perennial plantings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ Flush, check, and make any repairs or modifications to irrigation systems ♣ Watch for and treat aphid and other insect pest problems ♣ As flowers develop, remove dead flowers to keep new blossoms coming ♣ Reapply mulch around perennials if needed to protect against summer heat ♣ Mulch heavily around any annuals that you want to maintain through the summer ♣ Get your aerobic compost system going ♣ Protect young seedlings from late frost and/or birds with netting or row cover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ Set up watering schedule ♣ Water and weed ♣ Cut back dead flower stalks on all perennial herbs and ornamentals ♣ Start seeds for fall & winter plants indoors ♣ Make a plan for fall perennial plantings of herbs, natives, habitat gardens, etc. ♣ Enjoy the harvest
Planting options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ <u>Annuals:</u> lettuce, spinach, chard, radish, potatoes, carrots, beets, peas, fava beans, broccoli, bulbs, sweet peas, snap dragons, pansies, calendula ♣ <u>Perennials:</u> herbs, California natives, habitat plants and ornamentals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ <u>Annuals:</u> broccoli, spinach, lettuce, kohlrabi ♣ <u>Perennials:</u> fruit trees, raspberries, blackberries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ <u>Annuals:</u> Tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplant, beets, carrots, chard, summer squash, zinnias, cosmos, ♣ <u>Perennials:</u> herbs, California natives, habitat plants and ornamentals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ <u>Annuals:</u> Pumpkins, corn, ornamental corn, winter squash, summer squash, gourds, tomatoes, beans, sunflowers, basil, zinnias, cosmos
Harvest options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ <u>From Previous Season:</u> pumpkins, corn, ornamental corn, winter squash, summer squash, gourds, tomatoes, beans, sunflowers, basil, zinnias, cosmos ♣ <u>From this Season:</u> lettuce, spinach, chard, radish, potatoes, carrots, beets, peas, fava beans, broccoli ♣ <u>Perennials:</u> grapes, kiwi, apple, pear, persimmon, pomegranate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ <u>From Previous Seasons:</u> spinach, broccoli, chard, potatoes, fava beans, lettuce ♣ <u>Perennials:</u> Citrus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ <u>From Previous Seasons:</u> broccoli, spinach, lettuce, chard, kohlrabi, peas, fava beans, ♣ <u>From this Season:</u> cherry tomatoes (possibly), carrots, chard, summer squash (possibly), potatoes ♣ <u>Perennials:</u> Cherries, berries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ <u>From Previous Seasons:</u> Tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, carrots, peppers, eggplant, beans, summer squash, potatoes ♣ <u>From this Season:</u> tomatoes, basil ♣ <u>Perennials:</u> Various tree fruits

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