



## MAY Bloomers:



**Early May: PERENNIALS:** - Rock Cress (*Arabis*) - Basket of Gold (*Aurinia*) - Bergenia - Daffodils - Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*) - Leopardsbane (*Doronicum*) - Creeping Phlox (*Phlox subulata*) - Lungwort (*Pulmonaria*) - Foam Flower (*Tiarella*) - Tulips - Violet/Pansy (*Viola*)  
**SHRUBS:** - Magnolia (*Magnolia liliflora*) - Daphne - Deutzia - Fothergilla - Sandcherry (*Prunus cistena*) - Flowering Almond (*Prunus glandulosa*) - Beach Plum (*Prunus maritima*) - Aglo & Olga Mezitt Rhododendron - Purple Gem Rhododendron - Burkwood Viburnum - Korean Spice Viburnum (*V.carlesi*)  
**TREES:** - Shadblow (*Amelanchier*) - Redbud (*Cercis*) - hybrid Dogwood (*Cornus*) - Saucer Magnolia (*M.soulangiana*) - Crabapples (*Malus*) - Thundercloud Plum (*Prunus cerasifera*) - Weeping Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella*) - Ornamental Pear (*Pyrus*)  
**Mid-May: PERENNIALS:** - Columbine (*Aquilegia*) - Sea Thrift (*Armeria*) - Siberian Bugloss (*Brunnera*) - Lily of the Valley (*Convallaria*) - Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra*) - Barrenwort (*Epimedium*) - Spurge (*Euphorbia*) - Sweet Woodruff (*Galium*) - Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum*) - Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium*) - Tulips  
**SHRUBS:** - evergreen Azaleas - Broom (*Cytisus*) - Enkianthus - Kerria - Snowmound Spirea (*Spirea nipponica*) - Lilacs (*Syringa*) - Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*) - Doublefile Viburnum (*V.plicatum*)  
**TREES:** - Horsechestnut (*Aesculus*) - Dogwood (*Cornus*)  
**Late May: PERENNIALS:** - Snow in Summer (*Cerastium*) - Cheddar Pinks (*Dianthus gratianopolitanus*) - Cranesbill (*Geranium*) - Candytuft (*Iberis*) - German Iris (*Iris germanica*) - Lewisia - Catmint (*Nepeta*) - Peony (*Paeonia*) - Poppy (*Papaver*)  
**SHRUBS:** - Honeysuckle (*Lonicera*) - Catawba Rhododendrons - Van Houtte Spirea - Lilacs (*Syringa*) - Weigela - Wisteria  
**TREES:** - Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*) - Hawthorn (*Crataegus*) - Japanese Snowbell (*Styrax*)

## Mid-Late MAY Gardening Checklist:



### PERENNIAL GARDEN:

- Stake tall perennials** when plants reach a height of 6 inches.
- Liven up those shady spots** & barren corners with groundcover: ivy, vinca, pachysandra or ajuga. Hosta, ferns, Lamium, Lungwort, violets & other perennials also love shaded areas. Keep well-watered & fertilized to promote roots.
- Roots will penetrate better** in a loose, well-drained soil.
- Remove spent blossoms from tulips**, daffodils, & other bulbs, but let foliage wither & turn yellow before you remove it to replenish the bulb's food supply for next year.
- Fertilize roses** for beautiful blooms in June. For a bigger & better terminal flower, pinch off the side buds.

### ANNUALS & VEGGIES:

- Plant an assortment of culinary herbs** in a large pot near kitchen door.
- Pick blossoms of new strawberry plantings** to give them strength for heavier bearing next year.
- Plant a colorful windowbox** or planter filled with geraniums, ivies & "Proven Winner" annuals. "Proven Winners" are exciting new hybrids with faster growth, lush foliage & larger, more prolific blossoms!
- Buy some **geraniums for patio planter boxes**, window boxes or mass displays in flower beds. Great at cemetery.
- Check the underside of spinach** leaves for aphids.
- Plant warm season crops such as **tomatoes, peppers & eggplants**.
- Plant impatiens** & other warm season annuals now. Soak the ground thoroughly before transplanting bedding plants.
- Water the soil well today - Plant annuals tomorrow.**

### TREES & SHRUBS:

- Watch for birch leaf miner** & treat when mines are first seen. Apply control according to label directions.
- Watch for mites, aphids & scale** - use a systemic control to prevent these insects from sucking your plant's juices.
- Prune early-flowering deciduous shrubs**, such as forsythia, spirea, weigela & lilacs, soon after blooming. A good rule is to thin out one-third of the oldest canes at ground level.
- Prune Rhododendron**, Andromeda & Azaleas within a month after they have finished blooming.
- Plant a tree as a living memorial.**
- Fertilize Hydrangeas** with Miracle Gro so dormant buds develop in late summer. Don't prune flowers.

### LAWN CARE:

- Water lawns & gardens** early in the morning when the air is calm, temperatures are low & evaporation is minimal.

### HOME & PATIO:

- Clean your air conditioning filters.**
- Move houseplants outside** in deep shade. Gardenia, fruiting fig, lantana & citrus plants (lemon or orange) should be moved into full sun.