

What to Do in Your Colorado Garden

April Gardening Action

- **INDOORS**- from seed: peppers, New Zealand spinach, collards, beets and eggplant.
- **OUTDOORS** – from seed: carrots, kohlrabi, peas, radishes, sage, spinach (not New Zealand) and turnips. Also from plants and roots: Chinese cabbage, parsley, spinach, broccoli, kale, and cauliflower, potatoes, onion sets, garlic and asparagus roots.
- **INDOORS** – from seed: celery, garlic, leeks, onions, lima beans, endive and escarole.
- **OUTDOORS** – from seed: parsnip, beet, carrot, endive, escarole, lettuce, pea, parsnip and turnips. From plants: Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, collards and kale.
- **OUTDOORS** – Plant spring bulbs and roots – Ixia, lily of the valley, anemone, lilies, freesia, gladiolus, dahlia, cannas lilies and peonies. Plant “hardened-off” perennials (those that you have acclimated to outdoor conditions).
- When active growth appears on roses, fertilize with a “rose food” formulation according to the label. We recommend Mile High Rose Food.
- Prune roses now (prune back to approximately 1-2 feet above the ground or to live wood). Don't prune climbers except to shape or remove dead canes.
- Feed your turf areas according to the directions on the fertilizer. We recommend Pro-Rich®.
- Fertilize all established plants starting to grow with 5-10-5 (or similar) fertilizer.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs with the appropriate fertilizer (Ornamental, Fruit, Evergreen, etc.)
- As weeds begin to actively grow, apply weed control according to the directions on the container.
- Apply borer control only if you find evidence of borers and you did not apply in March.
- Remove mulches from perennials and roses.
- Remove tree wrap if not done already since this is an excellent incubation area for insects and diseases if not removed.
- Feed our feathered friends –natural foods are still scarce.

May Gardening Action

Early May

- **OUTDOORS** – broccoli, peas, beets, Brussels sprouts, carrots, collards, kale, radishes, spinach, tomatoes with “Wall of Water” only, sage, pansies, all potted perennials, summer flowering bulbs. Make sure to ‘harden’ (slowly acclimate) the plants before putting them in the ground. From seed: corn, snap beans, mustard, pumpkin, summer & winter squash.

Mid-May

- **OUTDOORS** – anything listed in early May, plus lemon balm, New Zealand spinach, all herbs, all annual flowers, dahlia tubers, gladiola corms, all potted perennials (hardened off).
- **OUTDOORS** – Anything listed in early and mid-May, plus cucumbers, pumpkins, summer & winter squash, basil, lima beans, peppers, corn and tomatoes.

Throughout May

- Plant trees, shrubs, evergreens, annuals and perennials (Make sure your annuals and perennials are ‘hardened’ before planting (slowly acclimated to their outdoor environment).
- Use a root-stimulating fertilizer (high in the middle number) when planting new plants or transplanting “old” ones.

June Gardening Action

- Container-grown plants can be planted anytime this month (be sure to ‘harden’ (slowly acclimate) before planting if they were greenhouse grown. Otherwise they will struggle.
- **OUTDOORS** – From seed: snap beans, beets, corn (early types), lima beans, and mustard seeds. From plants: cantaloupe, pumpkin, tomato, summer & winter squash, cucumber, oregano, pepper, endive, kale, kohlrabi, leek and eggplant.
- Give your lawn a light feeding if necessary (it will tell you by its look).
- Give roses their monthly feeding.
- Give all flowering and fruiting plants a food high in phosphorous (the middle number in the “3-number” formulation).
- Fertilize outdoor hanging baskets and container gardens frequently. Use a blossom booster formula. Since these plants are watered daily, nutrients are quickly leached out of the soil.
- Fish emulsion works well for an organic alternative.
- Continue to closely watch for pests and treat immediately (follow label directions carefully when applying these or any herbicides).
- Prune to shape plants and cut back shrubs as needed after they complete their blooming period.
- Don't remove green leaves from spring flowering bulbs. They are energizing the bulb for next years bloom and the dry leaves will decay providing more nutrients.
- Remove all spent blooms on annuals and perennials to prolong the blooming period.
- Check your outdoor hanging baskets twice a day (morning and afternoon). Water thoroughly.
- Apply mulch to plants to conserve moisture and cut down on weeds.

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crown borers. Treatment should start early in the spring using borer crystals or moth crystals [not moth balls] around the base of the tree as a fumigant. Keep the crystals away from the bark. Create a shallow trench around the trunk, add the crystals and cover with soil. Repeat this again in a month to 6 weeks. Aphids can be found on all fruit trees and can be controlled with a torcelite spray or water from the hose. Employ our little friends the Lady Bugs! They can easily take care of an aphid problem. Spray insecticides in the evening after the bees have called it a night. **Captain Jacks® Dead Bug, Don't Bug Me or Seven®** are several insecticides that can be used on fruit trees. Remember to **Always Read the Label!** There are more good insects and insect predators than pests. A NEW item is **BONDE® Bed Bug Killer**. Moving about after dark, bed bugs don't spread disease but they do bite! They have become an epidemic, national and international problem.



Nolo bait, an organic product for **Grasshoppers**, is the most effective when they are very young and small. With adults, spraying or dusting with **Seven** is effective. Keeping the grass and wild areas mowed & controlled will certainly reduce their numbers. **Cut worms** may be deterred by **heavy paper tubing** placed around the young plants. Insecticides are not required. **Tree Suckers** that occur around Aspen trees can be controlled with a product called **Sucker Stopper®**. It is best to spray the suckers when they are small and you first notice them. Deer will certainly eat your veggies, most of your flowers and the fruit that they can reach. There are repellents i.e. **Bobbex®, Liquid Fence®,** and **All Seasons Deer Repellent** to name a few that work well. Rabbits are 'cute' critters but will eat veggies, flowers, grass and the bark from shrubs and trees! **Bobbex® R** and **Blood Meal** work well but should be repeated every 2 to 3 weeks. For squirrel pests use **Hot Pepper Wax**. Spray it on the seeds when refilling the bird feeders. The birds won't even know it's there and the squirrels don't like it! **Pocket Gophers** burrow tunnels, up to 200 feet long, eat tree and shrub roots and can decimate your garden. A **Solar Mole Chaser** is effective for short/moderate distances. Use **Bird Netting** on cherry trees and the strawberry beds to keep the birds at bay.

Have a great season. Pull out the outdoor furniture, dust it off, there's always time to sit back and have a cool one and say... hey look, we got it done! Dick and our other garden experts can be reached at 303-690-4722 ext. 146 Experts@tagawagardens.com. Dick has been on sabbatical but will return on week-ends in spring.

Spring Hours
Through Sun., Apr. 3:
Mon-Fri. 9:30-5:30, Sat. 9-5,
Sun. 10-5
Mon. Apr. 4 - Sun., July 3:
Mon-Fri 9-7, Sat 8-7, Sun 9-5
Memorial Day
Mon., May 29, 9-5
Easter Sunday,
Apr. 24, 12-5

There isn't anything more rewarding than picking a bowl of your own strawberries or raspberries for breakfast or just a snack! These home grown berries are so much tastier than those purchased from a store. Blueberries require an acidic soil and our soil is typically the opposite, alkaline. There are some varieties of blueberries that can be grown here in Colorado. However, they will require extra careful nurturing. **Strawberry and Raspberries** are great fruits for us. The ever bearing varieties are the most rewarding. Also, easy to grow are blackberries, currants (red and black), gooseberries and seedless grapes. The extras can be frozen; kids will eat them like candy! Cherries (sweet and pie) are hardy here but will need to be covered with netting to keep the birds away! Apples trees will produce well and give a good harvest. If space is limited, there are columnar shaped trees that can be planted close to the house and require only a minimal amount of space.

Pear trees can be a good choice of fruit. Peach and Apricot trees produce fruit (about every 7 years) tend to bloom early and the fruit is often killed by a heavy frost. **Crown borers** can be a problem and must be treated every year! Both apples and pears trees are susceptible to **fire blight** and need to be sprayed when the blossoms first open. To control **codling moth** and other fruit infesting caterpillars and the worms they create, spray **Eight®** or **Pyrethrum Garden Spray** (an organic) at blossom time and every 2 to 3 weeks thereafter. Stone fruits i.e. cherries, peaches and apricots are susceptible to

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April, May, June 2011

Visit us on facebook for lots of fun conversations and our Pets in the Garden Photo Contest!

Coming soon!! The Official Tagawa Gardens Purr-furred Visitors Card!
Our old paper cards will soon be obsolete—get your new card in order to continue to receive your newsletter, special offers and **20% OFF one regularly priced item every time you visit!** We will e-mail you when the cards are ready—be sure to sign up for our weekly e-mail updates on any page at TagawaGardens.com!

Webinars!
return for 2011! Presented by Landscape Designer, Carole Kastler of Camelot Design. Topics and dates announced soon—see TagawaGardens.com Webinars page for details!

New! Spring 2011 Fundraising Program from Tagawa Gardens!
The Su-purr-b Give Back Program Chairs of non-profits register with our Fundraising Dept., then supporters shop at our store during Apr. 15 - Jun. 12, presenting their card with each purchase. After June 12, each non-profit group receives a rebate back equal to 10 to 25% of the purchases made by their supporters. The percentage is a sliding scale and depends upon the total spent by the group's supporters. Interested? Have your organization's Fundraising Chair contact Keith at 303-690-4722 ext. 112, Keith@TagawaGardens.com or visit our *Fundraising* page at TagawaGardens.com

Arapahoe County Master Gardeners present two series of classes: **Native Plants (Sun., Apr 3, 10 & 17)** and **Kaleidoscope of Color in the Garden (Sat., June 4, 11 & 18)** For details see our website!*

Fri., Sat., & Sun., Apr. 8, 9 & 10: Rocky Mountain Society of Botanical Artists Spring Exhibit & Sale!
See our website for details about this show and sale featuring original art, prints, cards and more created by its members.

Sat., Apr 9, 11 AM-2 PM: Colorado House Rabbit Society visits with cute bunnies so you can learn about how to adopt and properly care for these special pets!

Fri., April 15 through Sun., May 8: Colorado Arbor Day Project! New donation amount for 2011! Every \$10 donation to the *Colorado Tree Coalition* receives a coupon for **25% OFF the purchase of one tree*** at Tagawa Gardens! The Colorado Tree Coalition plants trees in community parks and forests in Colorado.*

Fri., Apr. 15: Night of Wine & Roses 4-7 PM, 20% OFF EVERYTHING* IN OUR STORE THIS EVENING ONLY!!! Our Own Grown Potted Rose bushes available for the first time this season! Wine-tasting & wine available for purchase by Balistreri Vineyards, cheese & fruit (compliments of the Tagawa family) and a Rob Proctor seminar, plus special fun!*

Sat., April 16: Charity Garden Party 10 AM-Noon! Hosted by Tagawa's Garden Ambassador Luan Akin, you'll plant your own moss hanging basket with the help of our experts. Your basket will be grown carefully in our greenhouses and ready for you May 29 or after. Plus, enjoy refreshments and door prizes compliments of local merchants. Limit **50 adults, Materials fee: \$89, of which \$9 goes to Children's Hospital Foundation*** Watch our weekly e-mail updates for coupons for this event!

Sat., Apr. 30, Broncos Parkway & Parker-Jordan / Centennial Open Space in Partnership with Tagawa Gardens Grand Opening, 2011! Celebrating Arapahoe County's 150th Anniversary and Centennial's 10th Anniversary. (*see TagawaGardens.com for details.)

Sun., May 1: We are honored to host **Panayoti Kelaides**, renowned Plant Explorer and Director of Outreach from the Denver Botanic Gardens, as he presents a special seminar **on Alpine Plants!** See our website for details!

May 7 & 8: Our 29th Annual Mother's Day Spring Open House. Hot dogs, soft drinks & popcorn, compliments of the Tagawa Family as a "Thank You" to our community. Plus, free concerts and our annual Cat's Meow Special—Buy 1, Get 1, FREE 10" potted (1.5 gal (5.87 l)) hanging basket sale (orange price tags only, while supplies last, plus other specials, see TagawaGardens.com VWeekly Specials page for details. (Hanging Basket sale begins Fri., May 6 at 8 AM, one hour earlier than our regular opening time, just for our Purr-furred Visitors!!)

9News Garden Expert Rob Proctor's Container Garden Demonstrations! Fri., May 6; Fri., May 13; Sun., May 15; Fri., May 20; Sun., May 22; Fri., May 27; Sun., May 29! See website for each day's topic!*

Sat., May 14, 21 & 28: Quick & Easy Gardening Demos by Garden Ambassador Luan Akin!
11 AM-2 PM, 15 minute demos covering how to plant a tomato, how to create a quick container garden, how to plant a tree and lots more—see website for topics!*

Grey Kitty® Kash Days!!!
Distribution: Mon., May 9 through Sun., June 19
Redemption: Fri., June 24 through Sun., July 24
\$1 in Grey Kitty® Kash is given for every \$10 spent during distribution period. Save your Kitty Kash and use it for up to 50% of your purchase during Redemption period. See TagawaGardens.com *Weekly Specials* page for details.

Sat., June 4: Perennials for the Dry Perennial Garden 1-3 PM. We are honored to host Marcia Tatroe, renowned Garden Writer (Denver Post, Sunset Magazine, etc) and garden designer to present a special class to kick off 'June is Perennial Gardening Month!'

June 25 & 26: Herb Festival!
25% OFF all herb plants this weekend only and learn all about herbs and herb gardening from some of our favorite herbalists!*

Save the Date! New for 2011!
Aug. 13 & 14, Tomatopalooza Weekend! We're telling you now so that you can grow your tomatoes for our contests for Biggest, Tastiest and Weirdest Shape, sponsored by Burpee®! Learn about growing tomatoes, taste heirloom varieties, get tips on making salsa & other tomato recipes—more soon!

Continuing.. "Garden Coaching with Ginger & Friends" (free, in-house, half-hour garden mentoring session) and **"Garden Designs with Carole"** (\$300, one hour consultation at Tagawa Gardens for one area of your back or front yard, includes sketch, plant list and \$150 Tagawa Gift Card). **Both by Appointment only**, see page 4 or TagawaGardens.com Events page for more info.

Garden Outreach! Garden Ambassadors Luan Akin or Grandma Mimi can provide classes or tours for adult or children's community groups here or at your location* plus, your group can sell Tagawa Gift Cards as a fundraiser! Call Michelle at 303-690-4722 ext 107 or e-mail Michelle@TagawaGardens.com to book your event today! (*Fees apply for offsite events.)

Children's Birthday Parties! Plant a Pizza Garden or a Fairy Garden are very popular! For details visit TagawaGardens.com 'Community Page' or call Michelle at 303-690-4722 ext. 107!

Our Visitors Make our Best Employees!
We have a **few seasonal opportunities left for employment** during our busy spring season. Gardening experience is helpful, some weekend and overtime required. We invite you to **pick up an application at our Guests Service Dept. or download one at TagawaGardens.com.** We are unable to accept completed applications via e-mail. **Questions? Please call Michelle in HR at 303-690-4722 x 107 Mon.-Fri. 10-4 or e-mail Michelle@TagawaGardens.com. See TagawaGardens.com Events Page**

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