

# Monthly Garden Tips

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- Plant your cool season vegetables. See ([Cold Tolerant Annuals](#))
- Visit Whiting's Garden Center Mother's Day weekend for the best hanging baskets, patio pots and annuals for your gardens.
- End of May plant tomatoes See ([All About Tomatoes](#)) peppers, melons and squash.
- Dig and divide overgrown Perennials. See ([Dividing Perennials](#))
- Care of perennial garden See ([Success with Perennials](#))
- Finish any major tree planting before the hot dry summer sets in. Make sure trees are mulched in well to help them retain moisture. See ([Watering Newly Planted Trees](#))
- Begin trimming Evergreens after May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Spring Blooming shrubs have 4 week window to trim/prune/shape that occurs immediately after blooming. Trimming done after or before this time will remove flower buds that are set for the following Spring. Examples: Lilac, Bridals Wreath Spirea, Forsythia. Summer and Fall blooming shrubs can be trimmed. See ([Pruning Trees and Shrubs](#))
- Fertilize established trees, evergreens and shrubs to encourage growth.
- Repair bare patches, dog spots, and over seed thin lawns . Water to keep soil moist until germination occurs. Then at least every 2-3 days until after the second mowing.
- Time to do annual weed control in the lawn and fertilize. See ([Fertilizing your Lawn](#)) and ([How to Apply Weed Killer to your Yard](#))
- Cutting height on lawn should be moved up to the 3 – 3.5 inch range.
- Good time to put out slug bait in your hosta beds.