



Spring Bloomers



Soil Preparation



Grow Food

- **Now is a good time to repot** houseplants and succulents in anticipation of spring growth.
- **Healthy Soil is key.** We recommend amending your soil with Sloat Loam Builder, Sloat Forest Mulch Plus or Sloat Planting Mix. Also, add E.B Stone's Agricultural Lime or Foxfarm Cal Mag to soil to provide needed calcium for vegetables & fruit and to prevent blossom end rot.
- **If you are a backyard composter,** it's time to empty your bin of winter-aged compost and use it when preparing your beds. This will make room for next season's trimmings and clippings.
- **Plant early blooming** plants like peonies, lilacs, flowering plums and magnolias. You can also plant Mediterranean plants like leucadendrons, lavender and rosemary. Ceanothus and manzanita are great California Native choices.
- **Protect your plants** from slugs and snails with Sluggo or Sluggo Plus.
- **Now is the time to plant edibles:** Potatoes, garlic, onions, rhubarb, and asparagus.
- **Prune and cut back** perennials and ornamental grasses. Prune lavender back to emerging growth for best spike production this coming summer. Feed plants after pruning with E.B. Stone Organics All Purpose or Rose and Flower Food.
- **Finish pruning** roses, shrubs, and trees. After pruning feed roses with E.B. Stone Alfalfa Meal and E.B. Stone Naturals Sul-Po-Mag to promote healthy canes.
- **It's time to think about** starting seeds. Most seeds are started 6-8 weeks prior to the last frost.
- **Add summer flowering gladiolas and dahlias** to your garden.
- **During the month of February** we have the best blueberry selection of the year. Stop in!
- **Protect citrus from rodents with** Repels All Ready to Use.
- **Deadhead cyclamen** to keep them in bloom.
- **Feed the birds:** We carry Auduban brand seed, Songbird Blend, Nut & Berry, Nyjer thistle, and Sunflower Seed. Also we have suet in 6 flavors to attract a variety of birds from woodpeckers to phoebes. Finch Socks with Nyjer are easy to use and popular with the birds!
- **The first of our summer bulbs** (gladiolus and dahlias) arrive in select stores this month. Call ahead to the Sloat Garden Center location nearest you for information.

