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What to do in the Bay Area garden

# May



Plant Summer Herbs



Select Blooming Plants



Attract Butterflies

- **Your indoor plants want food.** Feed with Maxsea Acid Formula or Espoma Indoor Food.
- **Plant annuals** like Petunias, marigolds, Begonias, Lobelia, Cosmos, and Zinnia.
- **Re-seed** radishes, carrots and beets.
- **Plant late summer edibles** like pumpkins, squash, sunflowers, peppers, basil, and melons. Time to plant Brussels sprouts for fall harvest.
- **Select garden-ready** Dahlias, perennials, Hydrangeas, and hanging baskets.
- **Fertilize** Rhododendrons, Azaleas, and Camellias with E.B. Stone Organics Azalea, Camellia & Gardenia Food.
- **Give vegetables a boost** with E.B. Stone Organics Tomato and Vegetable Food.
- **Feed containers** and hanging baskets with Maxsea All Purpose or Bloom formula fertilizers.
- **Prune spring-flowering shrubs** after bloom is past. Prune spring flowering Clematis to control size and shape.
- **Mulch vegetable and flower beds** with Sloat Forest Mulch Plus to control weeds and conserve moisture.
- **Freshen up containers** and replace spent annuals with colorful 4-inch perennials like Verbena, Calibrachoa, Coleus, Bacopa and Ipomoea.
- **Plant new containers** with Sloat Organic Potting Soil to provide the best moisture holding capacity.
- **Don't forget Mom on Mother's Day!** We have blooming flowers, gift cards, and hanging baskets.
- **Check out our selection** of specialty hand tools, gloves, and sun protective hats.
- **Release ladybugs** and other beneficial insects to help control aphids, mites, whiteflies, and other garden pests.
- **Stake tall perennials** such as Dahlias and Gladiola.
- **Use beneficial** nematodes to manage grubs in your lawn this summer.
- **Deadhead spring bulbs** but leave the foliage until it turns yellow.
- **Check your hose** fittings for spent washers and leaks. Ensure your hose has a shut off valve or other water conserving feature. Consider a soaker hose to conserve water in your vegetable garden.



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