



## **GARDENING HINTS FROM THE PRO**

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### **May To-Do List**

**In the veggie garden:** It's time to plant cucumber, cantaloupe, corn, eggplant, okra, peppers, Summer squash, tomatillo, watermelon, basil, catmint, chives, cilantro, dill, fennel, lemongrass, mint, nasturtium, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, and thyme. All of these can be planted from seed, or transplants purchased from the nursery. It is now too late to successfully grow tomatoes, put them on your calendar for a Fall crop to be planted in July/August

**In the flowerbeds** If you haven't planted your Summer flowers you still have time!!! A few things that like it HOT are Angelonia, Gomphrena, Zinnia, Purslane, Vinca, Lantana, Blue daze.....and so much more!!! Make sure you prepare your beds by adding compost and fertilizer before you plant and always add a hardwood mulch after planting to help retain moisture during the Summer months.

**In the lawn:** DO NOT USE WEED KILLERS WITH A HEAT RESTRICTION!!! Always consult the label, if you're not sure, ask us. St Augustine and weed killers are not friends when it's hot!! We will help you get the right product that won't damage your lawn. If you have areas of your lawn that dry out fast you can treat with Hydretain, this will promote water penetration and loosen compacted soil.

**Trees and Shrubs:** Azaleas are finished blooming and it's time to prune and feed them. Don't cut more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of their height and feed 1 X a month for 3 months in a row with MicroLife Acidifer plant food.

Get Your **Green** On!

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