

# Year-Round Garden Tasks

*This guide provides general suggestions for common plantings and garden tasks throughout the year. These can vary based on climatic zones.*

	FALL: Sept, Oct, Nov	WINTER: Dec, Jan, Feb	SPRING: Mar, Apr, May	SUMMER: Jun, Jul, Aug
<b>Garden tasks through the seasons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check and repair irrigation</li> <li>Inventory tools</li> <li>Weed garden paths and open areas &amp; cover in deep layers with wood chips or other path material</li> <li>Mulch cold sensitive perennials</li> <li>Make &amp; check plant labels</li> <li>Save seeds on spring summer flowers or chosen warm season crops</li> <li>Collect plant material and make compost piles</li> <li>Plant cover crop seed</li> <li>Plant perennial flowers and shrubs</li> <li>In colder areas, protect plants from frost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prune trees &amp; shrubs</li> <li>Rejuvenate perennial areas by adding compost around plants</li> <li>Cut back dead flower stalks on all perennial herbs and ornamentals</li> <li>Add compost and mulch around base of fruit trees</li> <li>Cover plants that are frost sensitive</li> <li>Order seed and plan for spring garden</li> <li>Stay ahead of winter weeds</li> <li>Maintain worm composting</li> <li>Plan for spring perennial plantings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flush, check, and make any repairs or modifications to irrigation systems</li> <li>Watch for and treat aphid and other insect pest problems</li> <li>As flowers develop, remove dead flowers to keep new blossoms coming</li> <li>Reapply mulch around perennials if needed to protect against summer heat</li> <li>Mulch heavily around any annuals that you want to maintain through the summer</li> <li>Get your aerobic compost system going</li> <li>Protect young seedlings from late frost and/or birds with netting or row cover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up watering schedule</li> <li>Water and weed</li> <li>Cut back dead flower stalks on all perennial herbs and ornamentals</li> <li>Start seeds for fall &amp; winter plants indoors</li> <li>Make a plan for fall perennial plantings of herbs, natives, habitat gardens, etc.</li> <li>Enjoy the harvest</li> </ul>
<b>Planting options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Annuals:</u> lettuce, spinach, chard, radish, potatoes, carrots, beets, peas, fava beans, broccoli, bulbs, sweet peas, snap dragons, pansies, calendula, <i>onions, garlic</i></li> <li><u>Perennials:</u> herbs, California natives, habitat plants and ornamentals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Annuals:</u> broccoli, spinach, lettuce, kohlrabi</li> <li><u>Perennials:</u> fruit trees, raspberries, blackberries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Annuals:</u> Tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplant, beets, carrots, chard, summer squash, zinnias, cosmos,</li> <li><u>Perennials:</u> herbs, California natives, habitat plants and ornamentals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Annuals:</u> Pumpkins, corn, ornamental corn, winter squash, summer squash, gourds, tomatoes, beans, sunflowers, basil, zinnias, cosmos</li> </ul>
<b>Harvest options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>From Previous Season:</u> pumpkins, corn, ornamental corn, winter squash, summer squash, gourds, tomatoes, beans, sunflowers, basil, zinnias, cosmos</li> <li><u>From this Season:</u> lettuce, spinach, chard, radish, potatoes, carrots, beets, peas, fava beans, broccoli</li> <li><u>Perennials:</u> grapes, kiwi, apple, pear, persimmon, pomegranate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>From Previous Seasons:</u> spinach, broccoli, chard, potatoes, fava beans, lettuce</li> <li><u>Perennials:</u> Citrus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>From Previous Seasons:</u> broccoli, spinach, lettuce, chard, kohlrabi, peas, fava beans,</li> <li><u>From this Season:</u> cherry tomatoes (possibly), carrots, chard, summer squash (possibly), potatoes</li> <li><u>Perennials:</u> Cherries, berries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>From Previous Seasons:</u> Tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, carrots, peppers, eggplant, beans, summer squash, potatoes</li> <li><u>From this Season:</u> tomatoes, basil</li> <li><u>Perennials:</u> Various tree fruits</li> </ul>