Holiday Hints for Garden Tasks

Master Gardener

New Year's Day

Flowers - *Roses* - Start pruning.
Vegetables - Plant asparagus crowns.

Super Bowl Sunday

Fruit Trees - *Deciduous -* Apply 2nd dormant spray (before buds open).
Lawns - Apply preemergence for crabgrass & spring weeds (if needed).

Valentine's Day

Flowers - *Roses -* Complete pruning.
Grapes - Prune vines.
Vegetables - Plant lettuce, peas, potatoes, radishes.

St. Patrick's Day

Flowers - Seed cosmos, garden herbs, sunflowers, wildflowers, etc.
  Bulbs - Plant summer flowering bulbs/corms (e.g. amaryllis, cannas, bearded iris).
Lawns - Fertilize with complete fertilizer.
Vegetables - Plant beans, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, melons, peppers, squash, tomatoes.

April Fool's Day

Flowers - *Azalea, camellia & gardenias* - prune & fertilize with 'acid type' fertilizer after bloom.
  Roses - Check for aphids & mildew; feed with systemic & rose fertilizer.
Fruit & Nut Trees - *Deciduous -* Fertilize (½ now, ½ in June).
  Evergreen - Prune (after danger of frost and up until bloom)
Vegetables - Plant corn, okra, tomatoes.

Mother's Day

Flowers - Plant summer color bedding plants (e.g. begonia, impatiens, marigold, petunia, salvia, vinca, zinnia).
Lawns - Fertilize with nitrogen; apply preemergence for summer weeds (if needed).
Fruit Trees - *Citrus* - Fertilize 3x in early spring & summer with citrus/avocado fertilizer.
  Olives - Spray olive trees at bloom to prevent unwanted fruit.

July 4th - Independence Day

Fruit Trees - Prune apricots after harvest to avoid disease.
Lawns - Fertilize warm season grasses (bermuda, St. Augustine, & zoysia).
  Do NOT fertilize cool season grasses (fescues, K. bluegrass, perennial rye).
Vegetables - Plant artichokes, pumpkins, & winter squash.

Labor Day

Lawns - Fertilize all lawns with nitrogen. Apply preemergence for annual bluegrass & winter weeds (if needed).
Strawberries - Set plants out now for next year's fruit.
Vegetables - Plant artichokes, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, kale, lettuce, & potatoes.

Halloween

Flowers - Seed delphiniums, foxgloves, hollyhocks, sweet peas, etc.
  Plant winter color bedding plants (e.g. iceland poppies, pansies, snapdragons, stock).
Lawns - Overseed bermuda with ryegrass.
Fruit & Nut Trees - Prune properly to promote next year's fruit.

Thanksgiving

Flowers - *Bulbs -* Spring flowering bulbs (e.g. crocus, daffodils, dutch iris, hyacinth, narcissus, ranunculus, tulips) should be planted.
Fruit Trees - Apply 1st dormant spray.
Vegetables - Plant spinach.