



What to do in May

Plant

- Seedlings of:
 - Tomato - Peppers
 - Eggplants
- Direct sow seeds:
 - Melons Beans
 - Corn Squash
 - Pumpkins Cucumbers

Plant now (from seed or transplants)

- Beets
- Carrots
- Radish
- Turnips
- Chard
- Endive
- Parsley



Irrigation

- Read yesterday's excellent article on saving water!
- Check entire system when you turn it on
- Make sure the emitters are working and that water is going to the right places
- Plan for extra water if too hot
- Decide if it's time to reduce the size of your lawn
- Decide where to put your water!

Citrus

- Citrus do not require pruning in the “typical” sense but if you want to reshape your trees, now is the time to do it
 - Take out water sprouts
- Fertilize citrus



Thin Fruit

- Apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, apricots, quince have all started to set fruit by now
- Thin the fruit to get bigger fruit and to lessen the chance of limb breakage.
- Thinned Fruit should be about 3" apart on a branch

Continue to

- Harvest
- Weed
- Eliminate pests such as slugs and snails (hand pick) and earwigs (rolled-up newspaper)
- Use row cover to protect young crops from squirrels and birds
- Plan for some shade if needed
- **MULCH, MULCH, MULCH!**

Prepare beds

- Latest research recommends cutting off plants at the soil line, leaving the roots undisturbed
- Add compost to the beds
- Replant as soon as possible
- Add fertilizer if needed



Questions?

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