



# YEAR-ROUND VA PLANTING & MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

## January/February

- Prune\*\* dormant plants (trees/shrubs)
- Spray evergreens with antidesiccant\*\*
- Remove snow & ice from evergreens after every snowfall
- Replace mulch\*\* as needed
- Clean, oil, sharpen tools\*\*

### KEY

**\*\*= FIND RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS & SOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE LAST PAGE. ALL PRODUCTS & SOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE GARDEN SHOP**

## March/April

- Prune all plants (trees/shrubs)
- Prune out winter damage in all plants (trees/shrubs)
- Fertilize\*\* all plants (trees/shrubs) as growth starts
- After April 15<sup>th</sup> (last frost date)
  - Plant bare-root, B&B and container plants (trees/shrubs)
- Transplant plants (trees/shrubs)
- Remove winter mulch (and burlap wrappings, if present)
- Apply horticulture oil\*\* to plants prone to pests
- Apply pre-emergent herbicide\*\* (last date for application is Mother's Day)

## May/June

- Prune all plants (trees/shrubs)
- Shear fine-needled evergreens
- Plant container and B&B plants (trees/shrubs)
- Transplant all plants (trees/shrubs)
- Weed soil around all plants (trees/shrubs) & apply post-emergent herbicide\*\*
- Apply summer mulch\*\* to all plants (trees/shrubs)
- Water\*\* as necessary
  - When was the last time you checked the water quality? \*\*
- Check for insects & diseases
  - Do you have the tools or resources to investigate & resolve possible issues?



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## July/August

- Shear\*\* fine-neededled evergreens
- Weed soil around all plants (trees/shrubs); apply pre-emergent herbicide\*\*
- Plant container and B&B plants (trees/shrubs)
- Aerate\*\* compacted soil around roots of all plants (trees/shrubs)
- Water as necessary (trees/shrubs)
- Check for insects, diseases\*\*

## September/October

- FALL IS FOR PLANTING\*\* - Plant container and B&B plants (trees/shrubs)
  - This is the time of the year when plants establish root systems. The root system is the greatest vessel for nutrient uptake and keeping the plant firmly in the desired location. By planting this time of the year you encourage your root systems to establish themselves properly; ensuring success.
- Transplant evergreens
- Water if ground is dry

## November/December

- Prune\*\* dormant plants (trees/shrubs)
- Fertilize\*\* dormant plants (trees/shrubs)
- Plant bare-root plants\*\* (trees/shrubs)
- Transplant deciduous plants\*\* (trees/shrubs)
- Spray evergreens with antidesiccant \*\*
- Apply winter mulch\*\* to all plants (trees/shrubs)
- Put tree guard\*\* around weak trunks (young & old) for protection against animals
- Water if ground is DRY only
- Turn off water, drain hose every time it is used
- Rake up large leaf piles & appropriate to compost areas



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## \*\*RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS & SOLUTIONS

This is a general list of products that are carried at Colesville Nursery's Garden Shop  
For additional questions or information please speak with our Garden Shop  
representatives!

### TOOLS

Wolverine

ARS

FELCO

Pruners, shovels, rakes etc.

Long & Short handles

### HOSES/HOSE HEADS/SPRINKLERS

DRAMM – Tried & true products, leaders in the industry

TREE GUARD - \$5.50/piece (one piece/plant)

### FERTILIZERS

ESPOMA

FOX FARM

NEPTUNES HARVEST

ALL ORGANIC: vary in needs & uses, quantities,  
granular vs. liquid etc.

### SPRAYS

ANTIDESICCANT – Wilt Pruf : sprayed on evergreens throughout colder seasons,  
sold in concentrate and in ready-to-use mix

FUNGICIDES:

INSECTICIDES:

HERBICIDE

MONTERAY & ESPOMA PRODUCTS: Primarily organic  
ingredients, products vary in price, size & uses/needs

PRE-EMERGENT – **PREEN** : kills weed seeds **before** they emerge

POST-EMERGENT – **MONTERAY/REMUDA SELECTIVE & NON-SELECTIVE** :  
kills weeds **after** they emerge, some post-emergent will kill anything &  
everything while others will only kill the weeds



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## WATER/SOIL QUALITY

SOIL TEST KIT – Determines nutrients within soil which will help guide proper fertilization

MOISTURE METER – Tells you when to water (great for indoor plants!)

SOIL PH TEST KIT – determines the soil's acidity or alkalinity which controls how well plants utilize nutrients available in soil (helps identify health problems & guides fertilization)

PermaTill - aerating soil (helps amend clay soil), keeping out voles! \$14.99/40lb bag

## SOIL/MULCH

DADDY PETE'S

FOX FARM

ESPOMA

ALL ORGANIC, no dyes or additives to our soils! We carry products that you can use for organic vegetable gardening! From hardwood mulch nuggets to nutrient-packed designer potting soil, we've got what your plants need! Prices & quantities vary based on brand.

## REFERENCE BOOKS

General Genres:

- Pollination
- Trees
- Shrubs
- Prune Times
- Disease Identification
- Conifers
- Farming, etc.