

# PERENNIAL GARDEN MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

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## ◆ MID MARCH THROUGH MID APRIL

Remove any dead leaves or winter cover mulch. Waiting too long to do this can cause etiolated growth.

Should have some bulbs blooming.

## ◆ APRIL

When the soil is dry enough start cleaning the garden.

Hoe or rake around the plants to break up the soil. Be careful not to cut off the tops of plants that have not emerged.

Additional organic matter can be added at this time.

Fertilize the plants

As soon as you can see new growth starting, it is a clue to do any division or transplanting.

## ◆ MID TO END OF APRIL

Finish any garden clean up

Try to finish any transplanting and division

Some of your early perennials should be blooming

## ◆ MAY

Start the regular garden up-keep routine. These will be carried out through the entire growing

season.

1. Dead heading

2. Weeding

3. Cutting back - any plant that has flowered and

is looking long and shaggy can be cut back.

Most perennials will respond with a new flush of clean growth

Some may rebloom

Still time to easily transplant perennials

## ◆ END OF MAY

When the soil has warmed up it can be mulched

Pinch all shoots of the fall mums and some of the taller Asters

## ◆ EARLY JUNE

By this time some plants may need deadheading

Regular garden up-keep

## ◆ END OF JUNE

Last pinch of the fall blooming mums

Some plants may start to get shabby at this time and need to be cut back

◆ JULY

Regular garden-upkeep  
If needed, irrigate

◆ AUGUST

Regular garden-upkeep  
There could be many plants that need to be cut back  
Good time to transplant Iris and Daylily

◆ SEPTEMBER

Regular garden-upkeep  
Garden can be fertilized, since perennials will start putting on a lot of growth  
Start the fall clean up process. This should be a continuous process, not just a one shot deal.

◆ MID SEPTEMBER

Good time to start thinking about transplanting and dividing Peony

◆ OCTOBER

Continue fall clean up and garden up keep

◆ NOVEMBER

Continue and start to finish fall clean up

◆ MID TO END OF NOVEMBER

Fall clean up should be close to complete  
Still may have some color from the late blooming mums

◆ END OF NOVEMBER TO MID DECEMBER

By Turkey Day fall clean up should be complete  
When the ground is frozen winter cover mulch can be applied if needed

