

# What to do in your garden

Welcome to what to do in your garden for May. We can only include so much and there's still more that can be done. Continue to remove last year's growth from perennials, give the borders an organic feed (Blood Fish & Bone) scatter on the soil, avoid hitting any growth otherwise it can burn some plants. Give your lawn a rake before you cut it to disturb the worm casts. Try to remember not to cut the same way twice – it really does strengthen the lawn blades. Get the edgers out and define, as a sharp lawn will neaten your garden immediately.

If your Shrubs are growing too big for their space there are a few varieties that can be trimmed after flowering: Philadelphus, Deutzias and Weigela if needed. But there are also shrubs that don't need to be touched and should be just allowed to grow and thrive. Azaleas, Peiris and Rhododendrons/Camelias are a few. They can be reduced if there are any 'Legging' stems but generally don't need to be touched.

After mid-May, invade the garden centres and get your summer bedding, but beware there may still be frost until the end of May.

Add a good general compost and Bonemeal when planting  
- they will establish a lot quicker. For the borders,

Cosmos will grow well and even in the shade, but water all bedding regularly and nurture (feed and deadhead). They will pay you back and will happily supply you with great flowers, but slugs love them too! Please use the organic form of repellent/killer.

Look for perennials that are out now: Delphiniums, Geraniums and Lupins. With the Delphs and Lupins, put a deep grit layer around the base if you have slug problems. Peonies are also showing their best. Geums are lovely with oranges or yellow flowers. Solomon's seal, Roses are coming into their own from next month onwards. Give them all good feed if you haven't already. Watering regularly and feeding your plants really will give you better, longer lasting and stronger scented plants.

Jetwash the patio and paths. The winter months, though not at all bad this year, will still produce moss or Algae. A side alley in the shade is a very slippery place and not one to enjoy.

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