

Spring Checklist

February/March/April/May



Many outdoor issues are weather dependent – the best maintenance plan is be consistent, be aware, and be flexible.

Sources of information include: Maple Leaf Ace Hardware crew, WSU King County Extension Master Gardener, Ed Hume Seeds, Hometime, Money Magazine, City of Seattle, King County, Plant Amnesty, "Gardening Month by Month in Washington & Oregon," The National Gardener's Association, Mountain Valley Growers, Cedar Grove, Whitney Farms, Scotts, The National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, Seattle Tilth, and other links on our website.

Inventory checklist:

- ___ Interior paint & prep supplies*
- ___ Batteries for Daylight Savings
- ___ Furnace filters
- ___ Box fans for ventilation
- ___ Exterior paint & prep supplies*
- ___ Deck & fence stain
- ___ Moss control: roofs, walks, yards
- ___ Pruners
- ___ Dolomite Lime for lawn, if necessary (raise pH to 6 or 7)
- ___ Lawn fertilizer w/moss control, organic lawn fertilizer, & garden fertilizer
- ___ Soil test kit
- ___ Hand weeding tools, knee pads, gloves
- ___ Organic garden, flower, and/or vegetable fertilizer
- ___ Rose fertilizer (also good for lilacs)
- ___ Netting for berry vines
- ___ Ladybugs (good for aphid control)
- ___ Nematodes (good for crane fly larva control)
- ___ Sluggo Slug Bait
- ___ Plant stakes
- ___ Tomato cages
- ___ Seedling starter supplies (Mini Greenhouse kit, Seedling/Potting mix, seeds**, labels, watering can, and light source. Optional: timer, hooks & chains)
- ___ Print out your own handy "How-to-start-your-own-seedlings" info sheet for more thorough details†

Possible Home/Lawn/Garden issues & maintenance:

- ___ Interior paint & prep work*
- ___ Daylight savings in March:
 - change smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries
- ___ Furnace filter change every three months
- ___ Water filters (sink, refrigerator, shower):
 - change as necessary and directed
- ___ Check for moisture in your basement
- ___ Is your sump pump working?
- ___ Clean/repair gutters & downspouts
- ___ Inspect & repair roof damage
- ___ Seal attic and crawl space cracks and gaps
- ___ Repair screen windows & doors
- ___ Replace broken window glass pane
- ___ Porch and deck cleaning, repairing, painting, and staining
- ___ We'll sharpen your garden tools or replace with new
- ___ We'll sharpen your lawn mower blade
- ___ Lawn care: apply fertilizer and — as necessary — aerate, dethatch, and overseed, all once the soil warms up
- ___ Cultivate veggie beds: test your soil with a soil test kit and add compost, lime, fertilizer, manure, peat moss, coconut coir, as needed, to amend your garden soil
- ___ Make hydrangeas blue with an application of Aluminum Sulfate in March/April (and October/November) – blue hydrangeas like acid soil (pH of 4.0 to 5.5)
- ___ Pruning throughout yard: apple and pear trees in late January/February; pines, evergreens (juniper, conifer, cypress), flowering trees (after bloom), clematis, lilac suckers from February through May; hybrid tea roses, floribunda roses, climbing roses, tree roses, hydrangeas, ornamental grasses, and shade trees in February/March; and lavender in May

** Ed Hume Seeds we typically offer:

Artichokes	Asters	Basil	Beets	Bok Choy
Broccoli	Green beans (bush or pole)	Brussel Sprouts	Chinese cabbage	Chicory/Endive
Carrots	Cannas	Cantaloupe	Cabbage	Cauliflower
Celery	Chives	Cilantro	Collards	Corn
Cosmos	Cucumber	Dianthus	Dill	Eggplant
Fennel	Fuchsias	Geraniums	Impatiens	Kale
Leek	Lettuce	Marigolds	Mustard	Okra
Onions (from seed)	Peas (bush or pole)	Radishes	Radishes (Daikon)	Summer Squash
Oregano	Pansies	Parsley	Parsnips	Peppers
Petunias	Pumpkin	Radicchio	Sage	Snapdragons
Snow Peas	Spinach	Squash	Stock	Sunflowers
Sweet Peas	Swiss Chard	Thyme	Tomatilloes	Tomatoes
Turnips	Watermelon	Zinnias		

Garden item	Arrival in store
Ed Hume Flower & Vegetable seed rack**	early January
Spring Bulbs - plant in spring (anemone, begonias, dahlias, gladilolas, iris, lily, ranunculus)	Late February
Asparagus crowns	March
Onion sets	Mid February
Potato seeds	Early March
Ladybugs	Late March/early April
Nematods	Late March/early April

* Printable paint supply list & prep directions available on the Paint page of our website, mapleleaface.com

† Available on our website on the Yard & Garden page