



Summer Checklist

May/June/July/August/September



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:

- Exterior paint & prep supplies*
- Interior paint & prep supplies*
- Furnace filters
- Box fans for ventilation
- Moss control: roofs, walks, yards
- Deck & fence stain
- Hand weeding tools, knee pads, gloves
- Soil test kit
- Dolomite Lime for lawns, if necessary (raises pH to 6 or 7)
- Lawn fertilizer w/moss control, organic lawn fertilizer
- Organic garden flower & vegetable fertilizer
- Rose fertilizer (also good for lilacs)
- Pruners
- Ladybugs for aphids control
- Nematodes for crane fly larva control
- Sluggo Slug Bait
- Netting for berry vines
- Plant stakes
- Tomato cages
- Canning supplies†

Garden item	Arrival in store
Cover crop	September
Ed Home	early January
Flower & Vegetable seed rack**	
Fall Bulbs - plant in fall: bloom in spring (allium, amaryllis, daffodils, tulips, crocus, hyacinth)	September
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
- † Printable canning supply list & general directions available on our website on the Yard & Garden page
- ∞ Printable Ace Disaster list items available on our website on the Yard & Garden page

Possible Home/Lawn/Garden issues & maintenance:

- Exterior paint & prep
- Furnace filter change every three months
- Water filters (sink, refrigerator, shower): change as necessary and directed
- September is Nat'l Preparedness month: Disaster kit review ∞
- Clean/repair gutters & downspouts
- Repair screen windows & doors
- Replace broken window glass panes
- Inspect & repair roof damage
- Seal attic and crawl space cracks and gaps
- 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
- Weed control in lawn & garden beds
- Lawn care: as needed, aerate, dethatch, & overseed, early May
- 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
- Pruning: pines, flowering trees, lilac (just after bloom), & lavender (just after bloom) in May; wisteria, hedges, heathers, fuchsias, & lavender (immediately after bloom) in June; vines, deadwood, weak, & diseased branches in June/July; (tip pinch) vine berries after new growth is about 2 to 3 feet, usually in June/July; evergreens like junipers, cypress, & conifers in June/July/August; and berry canes that produced berries (down to the ground) from late June through November.
- Plant spring blooming flower bulbs (allium, amaryllis, crocus, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips), September through November
- Plant fall crop & over-wintering veggie seeds, late July thru early September
- Put out netting to protect ripening fruits and berries

** 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	(Fall & over winter selections)	