



12 Months of Gardening

May 2017

- **Mother's Day is on Sunday May 14th. This year, give Mom a gift that grows! A plant that will grow in her garden and heart for many years to come.**
- **If you took our advice from last month and applied Nutrite Weed Seed Inhibitor, dandelions shouldn't be a problem. If you still see them, you can spot treat your lawn with Scotts Weed-B-Gon.**
- **Now is the time to apply your late-spring lawn fertilizer. We recommend Nutrite Superturf 28-4-12.**
- **Prune early flowering shrubs (such as forsythia) once they have flowered.**
- **Move or divide over-grown perennials.**
- **You should now be able to see any winter die-back or damage and can trim (or remove) affected plants.**
- **Work garden fertilizer into the soil of your vegetable garden to get it ready for planting. We recommend Nutrite Garden Special 6-9-12.**
- **Apply mulch around your garden beds. Mulch will cool the roots of plants, retain moisture, suppress weeds and improve the appearance of your garden.**
- **If you have spring bulbs (such as dahlias or calla lilies), you can start them indoors (see our [Green Thumb Guide to Spring Bulbs](#) for details). They can be planted in your garden once the danger of frost has passed.**
- **Be on the lookout for early signs of insect or disease problems. If you discover such a problem, speak with our knowledgeable staff at the Service Desk (or send an email to humber@gardencentre.com). It is easier to control insect and disease problems when they are just beginning.**
- **Be prepared to cover plants such as newly planted annuals, tender perennials and Japanese Maples when there is a risk of frost at night.**
- **Worried about your plants not waking up? Don't fret! Certain species are late to wake up. Rose-of-Sharon, Butterfly Bush, and Blue Beard may not leaf out until sometime in June. Please email us at**
- **humber@gardencentre.com if you have any concerns about your warranty.**