

# SMITH'S GARDENTOWN GARDENING & SEMINAR CALENDAR

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## JANUARY



- Water trees, shrubs and flower beds thoroughly before a hard freeze. Plants suffer more from cold damage if they are dry.
- On nice days, work organic compost into your flower beds and garden plot.
- Build a raised bed for your vegetable garden – you'll spend less time weeding and it's easier on your back!
- Plant trees and shrubs.
- Remember birds need the extra protein and energy from suet and high-quality bird seed during cold weather. Don't forget fresh water, too.

## FEBRUARY



- Apply pre-emergence weed preventer to your lawn.
- Plant onions, seed potatoes, strawberries, asparagus and any trees or shrubs.
- Plant perennials.
- Plant other cool season vegetables, such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, lettuce and brussel sprouts.
- Prune rose bushes after the 15th. Don't prune crape myrtles.
- Spray dormant oil spray to kill over-wintering pests.

## MARCH



- Plant bedding plants that will take a light frost – like petunias, snapdragons, dianthus.
- Watch the weather and plant tomato and pepper plants after the danger of frost has passed.
- Apply Fertilome Systemic Insecticide drench to pecans, crape myrtles and euonymus to prevent scale and aphids.
- Plant perennials.
- Feed bird food with with extra calcium for nesting birds.
- Systemic Insect Drench.

## APRIL



- Plant any spring bedding plants.
- Make first application of Smith's Premium fertilizer to trees, shrubs and lawns.
- Scalp Bermudagrass lawns to remove winter weeds and debris.
- Make bird food available now to help adult birds feed their babies.
- Put out clean hummingbird feeders.
- Baby birds like mealworms!

## MAY



- Continue planting warm season bedding plants.
- Plant tropical color, like esperanza, hibiscus, bougainvillea and mandevilla.
- Plant caladium bulbs in shady beds.
- Make another application of pre-emergent to control summer weeds.
- Plant Bermudagrass from seed.
- Apply flea and tick control to yards.

## JUNE



- Apply three inches of bark mulch to flower beds to conserve moisture and help prevent weeds.
- Apply one inch of water per week to lawns, if we have no rain. Deeper, less frequent watering is better than frequent, shallow sprinkling.
- Apply Smith's Premium fertilizer to lawns, trees and shrubs.
- Make application of grub control, as needed.
- Spray summer weeds as needed – bring samples to Smith's for advice about which product to use.
- Apply Smith's Premium Fertilizer.

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## JULY



- Watch all plants for signs of water and heat stress. Deep, soaking water for trees and shrubs once a week may be necessary. Water pots, bedding plants and hanging baskets more frequently.
- Dead-head summer flowers for more vigorous blooming.

## AUGUST



- Continue with summer watering program.
- Plant fall tomatoes.
- Make another application of Smith's Premium fertilizer to lawns, trees and shrubs.

## SEPTEMBER



- Make fall application of pre-emergence weed preventer to stop winter weeds.
- Sow fescue or rye seed.
- Plant pansies, ornamental cabbage and kale.
- Plant fall garden with cool season vegetables (cold crops).

## OCTOBER



- Visit Smith's Pumpkin Patch!
- Purchase spring blooming bulbs like daffodils, tulips, hyacinth and crocus. Refrigerate tulips and hyacinths for 6 weeks before planting.
- Apply three inches of bark mulch to flower beds to help prevent winter damage and winter weeds.
- Plant trees and shrubs.

## NOVEMBER



- Plant Trees and Shrubs.
- Visit Smith's Christmas Shop!
- Place Poinsettia orders.

## DECEMBER



- Plant spring-blooming bulbs.
- Send Smith's Poinsettias to neighbors and business associates.