



*"Whoever makes a garden, has oh so many friends!
The glory of the morning, the dew when daylight ends."*

photo by Joe Shaoui

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

- ☐ Keep beds well weeded. Lightly cultivate soil to reduce compaction and weeds. Refresh mulch...(To prevent stem rot, keep mulch away from plant stems.)
- ☐ Deadhead roses as soon as blooms fade to encourage new growth. *(Compost tea!)*
- ☐ Check rhododendrons, azaleas, and other ornamentals for root weevil damage. For control, use beneficial nematodes if soil temperature is above 55 degrees F.
- ☐ Thin out apples, pears, and peaches when fruit is as big a nickel.
- ☐ Check fruit trees for disease and insect damage. Call the Extension Office for prevention and control information.
- ☐ Keep the root zone in raised bed plantings well watered, but not saturated.
- ☐ Upgrade to a water budget timer. \$25 rebate available to EWEB customers—check out www.eweb.org. Rexius/Grant's Landscape Division can help with the installation.
- ☐ To find out more about your root depth and the requirements of your soil, contact EWEB Waterline, or online at www.eweb.org.

LAWN CARE

- ☐ Continue to mow, edge, and water weekly.
- ☐ When mowing set your mulching mower blades 2 – 2.5 inches high.
- ☐ Be careful mowing or trimming near trees, avoid nicking bark which can girdle & kill the tree or provide an opening for pests and disease to enter.
- ☐ Aerate to reduce compaction and increase water infiltration.

PLANTING GUIDE

- ☐ Color, color, color, PLANT annuals, annuals, annuals.
- ☐ Continue your plantings of warm-season vegetables in succession. Even place them in your landscape beds.
- ☐ Cut back Spring-blooming flowers.
- ☐ Move houseplants outside for cleaning, repotting, and growth.
- ☐ Support and stake upright stocks and stems of your tall perennials.

