

# Use this Maintenance Checklist

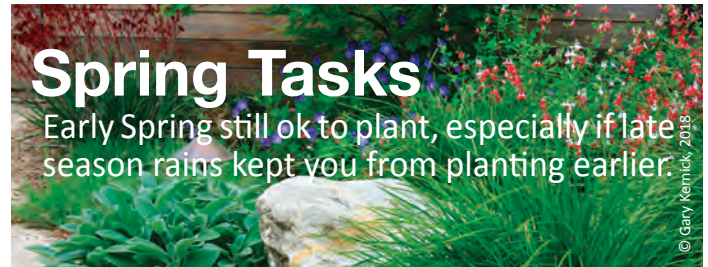


- General Landscape Management
  - Review plant health and investigate reasons for observed decline
  - Weed and deadhead flowers as needed
  - Stake trees: add new or make adjustments
- Maintain Rainwater Capture Systems
  - Make sure gutters and downspouts are not clogged
  - Clean rainbarrels/cisterns and clean out catch basins
  - Drill holes in bottoms of catch basins, if standing water
  - Make sure mosquito screens are not ripped or loose
  - Flush pipes
  - Remove debris from swales, especially at inlets/outlets
  - Refurbish berms and basins as needed
- Add Compost or Worm Castings
  - De-compact or aerate lawns and areas around trees/ large shrubs and add worm castings/compost
- Replenish Mulch
  - Maintain 2" if established garden, 4" - 6" if still getting established
- Late Fall Pruning (Chop and Drop)
  - Cut back grasses (once a year for deciduous, less often for evergreen)
  - Cut back native salvias (sages) by 1/3
  - Cut back spring-blooming herbaceous perennials and pinch back non-woody shrubs
- Irrigation Checkup
  - Turn on each valve to check for problems and make repairs
  - Open manual flush valves and flush
  - Clean irrigation filters
  - Adjust controller - reduce time



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- Pruning (Chop and Drop)
  - Prune dead, diseased, damaged, and deranged branches of trees and large shrubs
  - Cut back summer and fall-blooming herbaceous perennials and pinch back non-woody shrubs
- Still Time to Plant (but not in saturated soil!)
- Irrigation Checkup
  - Turn on each valve to check for problems and make repairs
  - Manually run irrigation if the weather has been very dry



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  - Turn on each valve to check for problems and make repairs
  - Open flush valves and flush
  - Clean irrigation filters
  - Seasonally adjust automatic irrigation schedule
  - Move drip irrigation and add emitters as the tree grows in order to maintain the wetting zone at the outside edge of the tree's canopy (dripline)



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  - Turn on each valve to check for problems and make repairs
  - Return irrigation controller to summer program