



Bobby & Lynn's Plant Farm

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Spring Garden Checklist

A fresh-start worksheet for preparing, planting, and protecting your garden.



Garden/Bed:

Year:

Zone:

Completed:

1 Clean & Inspect

- ☐ Remove winter debris, fallen branches, and dead annual growth.
- ☐ Inspect shrubs and perennials for winter damage before cutting anything back.
- ☐ Clean and sharpen pruners, loppers, shovels, and other garden tools.
- ☐ Check hoses, timers, drip lines, and outdoor faucets for leaks or damage.
- ☐ Look for drainage problems or areas where water stands after rain.

2 Prepare & Plant

- ☐ Test or review soil conditions and add compost where needed.
- ☐ Measure open spaces before shopping for new plants.
- ☐ Plant trees, shrubs, and perennials while temperatures are still mild.
- ☐ Add fresh mulch, keeping it a few inches away from stems and trunks.
- ☐ Install supports for tall perennials before new growth gets too large.

3 Feed, Prune & Watch

- ☐ Fertilize only where needed and follow the plant label directions.
- ☐ Prune summer-blooming shrubs that flower on new wood at the proper time.
- ☐ Avoid pruning spring-blooming shrubs until after they finish flowering.
- ☐ Begin checking new growth for aphids, scale, leaf spots, and other problems.
- ☐ Water newly planted shrubs deeply and track rainfall each week.

Seasonal Notes, Dates & Supplies Needed



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Summer Garden Checklist

A practical worksheet for watering, maintenance, and keeping plants healthy in the heat.



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Zone:

Completed:

1 Water Wisely

- ☐ Check soil moisture before watering instead of following the calendar alone.
- ☐ Water deeply in the morning so moisture reaches the root zone.
- ☐ Give newly planted shrubs extra attention during hot, dry weather.
- ☐ Inspect drip irrigation and soaker hoses for clogs or leaks.
- ☐ Use mulch to reduce evaporation and moderate soil temperature.

2 Maintain & Monitor

- ☐ Deadhead flowers when appropriate to encourage a tidy appearance or rebloom.
- ☐ Remove weeds before they flower and set seed.
- ☐ Watch for heat stress, wilt, leaf scorch, pests, and fungal disease.
- ☐ Tie or support plants that are leaning after storms or heavy blooms.
- ☐ Trim broken or unsafe branches, but avoid unnecessary heavy pruning in extreme heat.

3 Plan Ahead

- ☐ Take photos of plants at peak bloom for future bed planning.
- ☐ Note which plants handle heat and humidity especially well.
- ☐ Check mature plant size and decide whether anything needs moving later.
- ☐ Collect ideas for fall planting and make a nursery shopping list.
- ☐ Keep birdbaths and pollinator water sources clean and filled.

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Fall Garden Checklist

A seasonal worksheet for planting, cleanup, and preparing the garden for cooler weather.

Garden/Bed:

Year:

Zone:

Completed:

1 Plant & Divide

- ☐ Plant shrubs, trees, and perennials early enough for roots to establish.
- ☐ Divide and transplant suitable perennials after the hottest weather passes.
- ☐ Add spring-flowering bulbs according to package directions.
- ☐ Mark newly planted areas so they are easy to find after plants go dormant.
- ☐ Water fall plantings during dry spells until the ground becomes cold.

2 Clean & Protect

- ☐ Remove diseased leaves and dispose of them away from the garden.
- ☐ Leave some healthy seed heads and stems for birds and beneficial insects.
- ☐ Refresh mulch where soil is exposed, but do not pile it against plant crowns.
- ☐ Clean empty pots and store fragile containers before hard freezes.
- ☐ Drain hoses and protect outdoor faucets when freezing weather approaches.

3 Review & Record

- ☐ Write down which plants performed best and which struggled.
- ☐ Label plants that may be difficult to identify when dormant.
- ☐ Review pruning needs before cutting hydrangeas or spring-blooming shrubs.
- ☐ Photograph the bed layout before foliage disappears.
- ☐ Update your plant wish list for next year.

Seasonal Notes, Dates & Supplies Needed

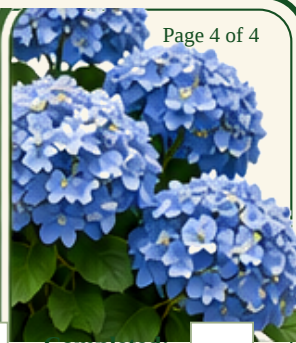


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Winter Garden Checklist

A quiet-season worksheet for protection, observation, and planning the year ahead.



Garden/Bed:

Year:

Zone:

Completed:

1 Protect & Observe

- ☐ Check mulch after heavy rain or wind and replace it where needed.
- ☐ Protect sensitive plants during sudden hard freezes as appropriate.
- ☐ Brush heavy snow from vulnerable branches gently; do not beat frozen limbs.
- ☐ Watch for animal damage, broken branches, and winter desiccation.
- ☐ Water evergreens and new plantings during mild dry periods when soil is not frozen.

2 Prune & Maintain

- ☐ Remove dead, damaged, or hazardous wood when it can be identified safely.
- ☐ Confirm whether each shrub blooms on old wood or new wood before pruning.
- ☐ Prune suitable new-wood bloomers in late winter or early spring.
- ☐ Avoid pruning spring-flowering shrubs before they bloom.
- ☐ Clean, sharpen, and oil garden tools before spring work begins.

3 Plan the Next Season

- ☐ Review garden photos and notes from the previous year.
- ☐ Draw changes you want to make to beds, paths, or planting areas.
- ☐ Compare mature sizes before selecting new shrubs.
- ☐ Create a realistic garden budget and prioritized shopping list.
- ☐ Order seeds, supplies, or specialty plants early when needed.

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