

The Goddess Gardener's Gardening Guide for May

FERTILIZE: If you haven't already, fertilize trees, shrubs, rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, lawns, and ground covers while the days are warm, and the evenings are cool.

FEED indoor plants.

BAIT for snails and slugs that will damage new seedlings with organic Sluggo. The active ingredient is iron phosphate. Corry's Slug and Snail Killer contains 5% sodium ferric Exceda that is safe for pets and people and can be used on edibles. After eating the bait, these gastropods slink to their hiding places to die. Because both male and female mollusks lay eggs, one slug or snail can contribute to thousands of these pests terrorizing crops if not eradicated.

SPRAY roses, crape myrtle trees, and ground cover susceptible to aphids and fungal diseases.

DEADHEAD roses as the petals fade to encourage continuous blooming.

PLANT annuals and perennials including zinnia, salvia, calibrachoa.

ELIMINATE standing water from gutters, old tires, or saucers to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes.

TRANSPLANT small trees, including fruit trees such as nectarine or avocado to the desired area.

MOW tall wild grass to three inches or less as a fire defensible space.

COMBINE edibles and flowers in a kitchen garden with a variety of tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, beets, squash, garlic, parsley, borage, nasturtium, calendula, roses and marigolds.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.



Intoxicating scent of yellow bearded iris combined with pink carpet roses.



Roses are bedrocks of a gorgeous garden. (Arizona rose)

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