

ABIDE A WHILE

GARDEN BOUTIQUE



May Checklist

Zone 9 Gardens

GENERAL

- Mulch beds
- Weed & edge
- As temperatures increase, so should watering.
Too much or too little can bring the same consequence. Know what your plant's watering needs are to help it thrive during the summer.

PLANT

- Warm season summer annuals such as verbena, zinnias, begonias, petunias portulaca, and vinca
- Butterfly and pollinator gardens with black-eyed susan, bee balm, salvia, lantana, coneflower and milkweed.
- Vegetable gardens with tomatoes, peppers, herbs, blueberries and other edible fruits

FERTILIZE

- Continue to fertilize everything with either Osmocote or an organic fertilizer like Espoma. Always give a thorough water after fertilizing.
- Use Espoma Bio-tone on every new planting to help grow deep, vigorous root systems.
- Look out for insect-chewed edges, holes or discolored leaves, as these are usually treatable. With hot and humid temperatures come bug and disease. Some are part of nature and others can be destructive.

IN BLOOM

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| ■ Jasmine | ■ Gaura |
| ■ Gardenia | ■ Gaillardia |
| ■ Bottlebrush | ■ Gerbera Daisy |
| ■ Ligustrum | ■ Verbena |
| ■ Hydrangeas | ■ Black-Eyed Susan |
| ■ Roses | ■ Lantana |
| ■ Salvia | ■ Plumbago |