

Betty's Bloomers Nursery

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Winding up another Spring Season .

By now, you should be finishing up planting Spring Annuals and Perennials for that spot of color in your flower beds. But, if you need just that little bit extra to finish out your beds, come see us and save some money at the same time, because it is time for our annual End of Season Sale.

All of our Annual 6-pacs are on sale now at 33% off. Also, we still have a good selection of perennials, some of which are on sale for 25% off.

What's in Season?

Replace heat-stressed pansies and other cool weather annuals with more heat tolerant selections such as: Moss Rose, Purslane, Ageratum, Vinca, Marigolds, or Cosmos. You can also plant heat tolerant perennials such as Katie Ruellia Mexican Petunia, Lantana, or Verbena.

Another trouble-free perennial is Raspberry Gregg Sage with its unusual fuchsia colored flowers that last all season.

Transplant caladium bulbs in moist fertile soil in an area that is protected from the hot sun. Caladiums already sprouted and growing nicely are available now also. Cover bulbs with about 1 inch of soil with lots of organic matter. Space them about

one foot apart and water often. Caladiums, like any other bulbs benefit from a light dusting of Bone Meal occasionally.

To Do List:

Prune Climbing Roses as they complete their Spring blooming season. Climbers can get out of hand quickly if you let them, so cut them back to the tops of fences or trellises to help control them.

Fertilize lawns now for that extra boost they need before the stress of Summer heat and drought. Healthy grass will survive much better than weak, shallow rooted grass. Remember to dissolve the fertilizer by watering heavily after applying.

Also remember, as mulch decomposes in your planting areas, it uses nitrogen in that process, so you need to replace those nutrients by adding fertilizer to newly mulched beds.

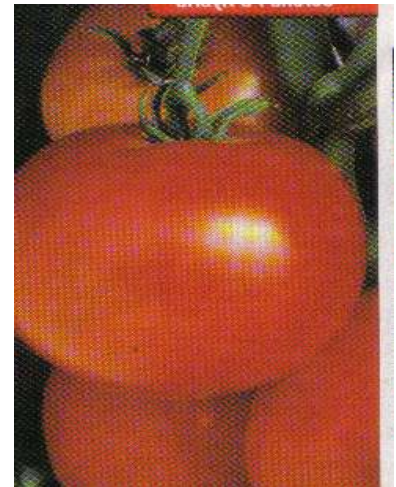
Give your annual flowers more of what they need by adding a high phosphorus fertilizer like Miracle-Gro. Also remember to dead-head spent blooms to extend their blooming season.

Your vegetable garden has probably used up any fertilizer you added before planting this growing season. Water with a water soluble plant food or "side dress" your plants with a granular fertilizer, by sprinkling a small amount of fertilizer next to your garden rows and raking it lightly into the soil. Water well to

dissolve all of the fertilizer.

Something Extra

If you are like me, you are eagerly awaiting the first vine-ripened tomatoes of the season only to find your first fruits succumbing to blossom end rot or some other disease. Watering on a regular basis helps to keep this condition down to a minimum. Also mulching your tomato plants helps to hold the moisture and keep soil born diseases from splashing onto your plants. Adding calcium to your soil can also help your plants resist this problem. You can buy a powdered form of calcium or add crushed egg shells on a regular basis around your plants.



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Happy Gardening!