



## Gardening Tips – May

Remove cool-season plantings: pansies, kale, snapdragons, etc., to make room for bedding plants (annuals).

Continue planting annuals and perennials.

Mulch gardens, being sure not to mulch too close to base of plant. Mulching reduces weed growth and also reduces watering needs.

Don't forget container gardening. Good time to plant those pots. Add slow release fertilizer to container potting mix before planting.

Be sure to water new plants to help establish root systems.

First application of fertilizer for warm-season grasses, like Bermuda, (use recommendations from soil sample, see "OGA Information Sheet – 1, To Start – Take a Soil Sample").

Be alert for bagworms and lace bugs at this time.

Cool season grasses, like fescue, get second application of fertilizer for the year.

Post-emergent treatments of nutsedge begin this month.

Cantaloupe, southern peas (seed), winter squash, sweet potato, watermelon plants can be planted.

Continue to harvest cool season vegetables.

Continually weed flower and vegetable gardens throughout the growing season.