

# INFORMATION

## Jobs for May . . .

*May is probably the best month in the garden as everything starts to take shape, especially the perennials that begin to fill the borders again.*

*Late Spring blossoming trees provide colour and lots of planting and care can get under way.*



**Cherry Blossom**

### GREENHOUSE

- \* Plant out Tomatoes in an unheated greenhouse.
- \* Continue to sow hardy annuals & vegetable seeds.
- \* Beware of cold nights - be ready with the heater!
- \* Prick out seedlings as they grow.
- \* Buy a greenhouse from our range and have it assembled now.

### VEGETABLES

- \* Sow many vegetable varieties now.
- \* Plant out vegetable plants but protect from cold and slugs.
- \* Keep the weeds down between rows.
- \* Earth up Early Potatoes.



**Azalea**

### PONDS

- \* Start to feed fish this month.
- \* Clean out pumps & filters regularly and keep them running.
- \* Plant out aquatic plants in baskets from our selection.

### LAWNS

- \* Lay new turf - *on sale now.*
- \* Mow the lawn, weekly if required.
- \* Apply Spring lawn feeds & weedkiller, if needed.

### FLOWERS

- The garden centre is bulging at the sides with trees, shrubs, flowers, fruit and vegetables ready to be planted now.
- \* Harden off bedding plants in a cold frame or put outside in the day and bring inside at night.
  - \* Beware of slugs!
  - \* Purchase from our home grown range of annual hanging basket plants and plant up your own baskets and tubs but keep in the greenhouse till frosts have gone (free leaflet in store).
  - \* Feed flower borders with chicken manure or rose feed.

### FRUIT

- \* Plant all types of tree & bush fruit now.
- \* Harvest Rhubarb.
- \* Spray fungicide for mildew, especially Gooseberries and for Peach leaf curl.
- \* Mulch Strawberries to keep off pests.

### GENERAL TASKS

- \* Feed everywhere to put nutrients back into the soil, after the rainy seasons we have had.
- \* Plant out Rhododendrons and Roses now.
- \* Cover particular plants with fleece at sign of frost, e.g. Acers, Pieris and bedding plants.

### PLANTS LOOKING GOOD THIS MONTH

- \* Laburnum
- \* Ornamental Cherries
- \* Azaleas & Rhododendron's
- \* Hosta's
- \* Ceanothus 'Blue Mound'
- \* Spiraea - varieties