

Edmond Landscapes

May Tips

Lush green leaves . . . the smell of freshly mown grass . . . your favorite shady nook in the garden. May is certainly here in full bloom! Here are some of the important gardening tasks for this month:

- It's certainly time to plant your summer annuals.
- Be sure to pick the right annuals for wet or dry soils (this is just as important as shade or sun). Periwinkle and salvia do better in drier soil like sandy loam; begonias and impatiens prefer wetter soils like clay.
- If not already done, fertilize turf, shrubs and trees for vigorous new growth.
- This is the end of the tree planting season. If you have not already planted your trees, wait until fall!
- Sharpen your hedge trimmers to keep from damaging your hedges when you trim.
- Roll and rubberband those spring bulbs. Resist the urge to cut the green stalks off, as the energy for next spring's blooms is in the stalks right now.
- Applying pre-emergent in beds now will save your knees some weeding time later!
- If you are trimming or removing pines, be sure to clean your chainsaw bar and saw with bleach to keep from spreading blight.
- Be sure to enjoy the smells and sounds of this beautiful, green time of year!