

Miller Farms

Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn, Hundreds of bees in the purple clover, Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn, but only one mother the wide world over. ~George Cooper

Weedin's

Wait for **warm nights** (about 50°F) before planting corn, beans, squash, cucumbers. To protect these tender veggies from unexpected frost use the floating row cover. It breathes and allows light to go through. You can use it right away to keep the seed bed warmer. Bent wire hoops will keep it off the fragile seedlings.

This is a great month to eliminate **lawn weeds**, control moss, thatch (if needed), aerate, feed and overseed the lawn. Actually, few lawns will need all this care so only do the steps that are necessary to get your lawn in tip-top shape.

Slugs and Snail They are there, in every crack and crevice awaiting the moment when you will plant those yummy marigolds, basil, hostas...Before you know it they will spring (more like slime) their way to a sluggy gourmet feast. Set out baits right away. Sluggo are the same Iron Phosphate baits that work well and are safe to use around your pets.

Well Drained Soil

Most plants need well drained soil. An easy way to check your soil drainage is to dig a hole about 6-8 inches deep and wide. Fill with water, if the hole drains within 3 hours then you are set to plant. If it is still filled with water after 12 hours you might want to consider a raised bed.

Feed Us! Fertilizer and mulch Rhodies and Azaleas as soon as they finish flowering. Use an acid fertilizer and any kind of compost as mulch.

Yellowing Lawns...

This could be the work of the **European Crane Fly**. Yellowing and patchy dead areas are sure signs they have invaded. The adult crane fly looks like a "giant mosquito". They are actually harmless themselves. The adults hatch out in the late summer and start looking for moist lawns in which to lay their eggs. So by withholding water at this time will help alleviate the numbers. This method results in a dormant lawn, that will quickly green up in the later fall as the rains begin. Also, plugging and aerating your lawn will help it dry out quicker. You could also try beneficial nematodes. These tiny creatures are a biological control that has been successful in reducing the crane fly numbers. Apply these in late summer as they adult crane flies appear. Bayer Grub Control also works well and will last all season.



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Tea For Two

Just as drinking tea is good for our health, plants will benefit from their own drink of "tea". You can easily make your own tea out of any of the Dr. Earth dry fertilizers. Mix 2 pounds, or 5 cups for every 5 gallons of water. Let the mixture set for 24 hours. Strain well and mulch all the solids around the root zone. The liquid portion (tea) can be applied at 1 to 2 cups for smaller plants and 2-4 cups for larger plants. Your plants will flourish with this brew.

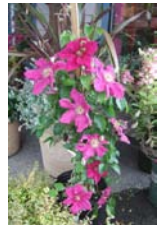
Gift Ideas for Mom

Beautiful Fuchsia Baskets or a blooming rhododendron or azalea

*A nice pair of **Felco** pruning shears will make gardening much more fun. They feel like the 'Rolls Royce' of pruners.

*Mom will love **Beanpod Candles**. They are made from 100% natural soy wax. They are paraffin free fragrant candles that are clean and healthy for the environment.

...or a Miller Farms gift certificate.



Moss Basket Workshop

Sunday, May 9th at 10:30

Cost: \$25.00

Bring mom and we will each build a moss basket that will be flowing with color. Please prepay as the workshop has limited space. 839-1571

Mothers Day Sale May 5-9th

Free Planting with Duncan McNeill

Saturday, May 8th from 10-4

Bring in or buy your pot (24" maximum size on the pot) and plants and we will pot them up for FREE!

20% OFF

Bedding Plants 4" and 6 paks

Flowering Hanging Baskets

1 gallon Perennials

Decorative Hose Holders and Guides

Garden for the Cause Garden Tools

Gazing Balls

Pottery

Monogram Stepping Stones



3gal Weeks Roses

Bud and Bloom

\$19.95

(regularly \$24.99)

Blue Ribbon Potting Soil

\$6.95

(Regularly \$8.99)

Gardner & Bloome

Planting Mix, Harvest Supreme,
& Acid Planting Mix

Buy 3 and get the 4th for FREE!
(this special ends May 31st)

30% OFF

Bulbs