

Garden Club Newsletter



Some common gardening questions answered:

1. I have insects on my garden vegetables and plants, what can I use if I don't want to use pesticides?

A mixture of ivory liquid soap (a couple of teaspoons in a spray bottle with water) sprayed very liberally on the plants should get rid of most pests. Remember- strong, healthy, plants won't appeal to insects. Make sure your plants are watered, fertilized, and mulched appropriately.

Did you know.....A pizza cutter is a great gardening tool! Use it to trim back grass around your flower beds or along the sidewalk

2. How do I get rid of slugs?

Use regular table salt around the borders and plants that the slugs are eating. It is inexpensive and you always have it on hand.

3. Why should I use mulch?

Mulch helps to decrease weed problems, helps add nutrients to the soil, is aesthetically more pleasing, boosts plant yield, you have less trimming and weeding, and it helps the environment.

4. How far back do I cut my perennials?

All grasses should be cut back to about eight inches tall. All perennials back to about three inches tall. On plants like clematis, silver-lace vine, honeysuckle, etc. you should take no more that two thirds of the plant.

Did you know.....Newspaper is a super substitute for weed barrier. Use a couple of layers underneath your mulch. It keeps out weeds and eventually decomposes back into the soil.

I know there are many more questions. These are the ones we get the most phone calls for. If you have others, write them down and bring them up at our next meeting. The topic for next month's meeting will be: Giving up your turf, why it's tough, and why you should do it.

REMINDERS:

- Please remember to R.S.V.P before our monthly meeting. It helps me to get the food count correct, prepare paperwork, and to get the give-aways together. Thanks!
- The Garden Club Garden Walk will be August 9th. Mark your calendar and think about putting your yard on the walk!

Garden Club Seminar

April 19th, 12am

Spring Garden Luncheon

Please join us for lunch, a seminar, and meet all of the new members of the garden club!



May Specials

30% off for garden club members only

All garden tools (4 item limit)

One item with a butterfly on it

Premium natural mulch (up to 4 yards)

May night salvia (4 item limit)