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## Carrots Are Spring Planting Favorites!

By Miracle Gro & Walter Andersen Nursery



### Time To Plant Carrots

#### What's up doc? Hopefully carrots.

They are easy and fun to grow. You can grow them from seeds or seedlings and they make good eatin' whether cooked or raw.

There is still time for one more crop of carrots before it gets too

hot. To grow, plant carrots in loose, well-drained soil that has a good mixture of clay and sand. You can add organic material to help loosen soil and hold moisture. E. B. Stone Planting Mix will get them off to a good start.

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## Don't Be Dull; See Us To Sharpen Up



The folks from Ronin Sharpening will visit our stores monthly to provide sharpening of your dull tools. They will sharpen your clippers, pruners, shears, etc. Fees apply.

**San Diego: 1st Saturday** of the month from **10am-2pm**.

**Poway: 1st Sunday** of the month from **10am-2pm**.

Start Spring as the sharpest tool in the drawer! •

## Composting Is The Way Of The Future

By Tumbleweed

Photo: George Allmon



Say goodbye to the days when you threw your food items into the trash. San Diego has adopted new regulations encouraging green cycling. If you aren't already composting, maybe this is the motivation to get you started. Securing a more sustainable planet is a good incentive to compost and it produces many wins, including; reducing organic waste dumped in landfills

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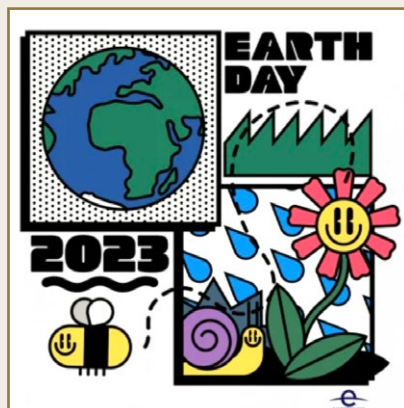
## Earth Day Could Be Your Lucky Day

by Melanie Potter



To celebrate Earth Day on April 22, each of our locations will give away 250 packets of seeds. The first 250 customers to either our San Diego or Poway store will receive a packet of pollinator seed mix. Earth Day was established on April 22, 1970, to mobilize 20 million Americans to call for increased protections for our planet. Today we celebrate more than 50 years of global activations aiming to mobilize a billion people worldwide for transformative action for our planet. The theme for this year's Earth Day is "Invest in our Planet". Visit this website if you are interested in participating in events or wanting to learn more about protecting the planet.

[www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) •



## Carrots continued from p1

Plant carrots in rows. Water in gently and then water regularly to keep soil moist to encourage germination. Feed monthly with E.B. Stone Tomato & Vegetable fertilizer or Gro-Power Tomato & Vegetable fertilizer beginning one month after planting.

Harvest carrots once their shoulders are above ground and have achieved their ideal color. This will also help thin out the crop and let the remaining carrots grow larger. Growing carrots from seedlings will help you get them on the table sooner. Selections include



an heirloom carrot mix, harlequin mix, Little Finger, Black Nebula and Cosmic Purple. •

## Composting continued from p1



(which breaks down and releases methane, a potent greenhouse gas). This anaerobic process contributes to groundwater pollution as the acid liquid leachate is released.

Recycling your organic waste by using a worm farm or compost bin is aerobic, which means it doesn't create pollution. In fact, it turns organic waste into a rich organic matter to feed your garden.

Compost is made when micro-organisms feed on organic matter and break it down into smaller and smaller pieces. When the waste is fully decomposed, it forms humus, or compost, a dark, soil-like material with a pleasant earthy smell.

While natural decomposition takes a long time, you can produce mulch in four weeks or rich compost in six to eight weeks by composting.

**What does it take to be a successful composter? Think Adam for the A.D.A.M. Principle:**

# A

### A = Aliveness

Composting is a 'living creature' full of worms and healthy microbes.

# D

### D = Diversity

Mix a variety of ingredients into your compost bin, such as food scraps, dry leaves, fine woody mulch, grass, herbs etc.

# A

### A = Aeration

Use an aerating tool to aerate your compost regularly.

# M

### M = Moisture

All living things need water, but make sure your compost is not too wet and doesn't become dry. Ideal soil moisture would be like a wrung-out sponge. •

## Gardening Tools With A Cause

By Melanie Potter



Photos: Swords 2 Plowshares

In a world that is overflowing with information, it's wonderful to be rewarded with a feel-good story. Have you heard about **Swords to Plowshares**? This organization is committed to reducing gun violence in communities. The organization partners with police departments and receives weapons that are turned in during gun buyback days. Weapon parts are then repurposed into various gardening tools either by prisoners in participating prisons, crew members from re-entry programs, or by volunteer blacksmiths.



The finished tools are donated to community gardens, agricultural high schools or used as donation

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## Are Your Roses Blooming? Deadheading Is In Your Future

By David Austin Roses



Photo: David Austin Roses

Chances are that if you have roses, they are blooming. If they aren't, they should be full of buds and you'll be enjoying blooms shortly. Once the blooms are spent, it's time for deadheading.

### There are two good reasons to deadhead:

#### 1) To Encourage Repeat-Flowering:

This stops your rose from producing seeds in the hips which are formed after flowering, so that it uses its energy to rebloom.

#### 2) Shaping: It is an opportunity to shape your shrub.

As mentioned, you'll want to deadhead after the blooms are spent. It

should be after each flowering, if possible.

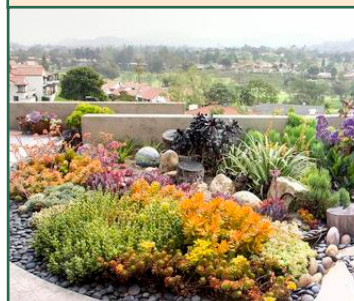
### How to deadhead:

> To deadhead, arm yourself with a good set of pruners. We like Felco pruners.

> Each flowering stem can be cut back as far as three sets of leaves. The amount you cut back controls the shape and size of your plant. If you are unsure, cut back to the point where the flowers stop being produced on the stem.

> Finally, compost your spent blooms and be ready for another round of blooms. •

## Spring Garden Tour



If enjoying the **Bernardo Gardeners Club garden tour** is on your to do list this month, our Poway store can help. We have tickets available for purchase (\$30, no refunds) for the April 29 event that will be held from 10am-4pm. A ticket allows you a self-guided tour of six local gardens. The tour includes vendors and complimentary refreshments. Please note that the tour is not handicapped accessible, walking shoes are required, no pets, no restroom use at homes and children must be over 12 years old. •





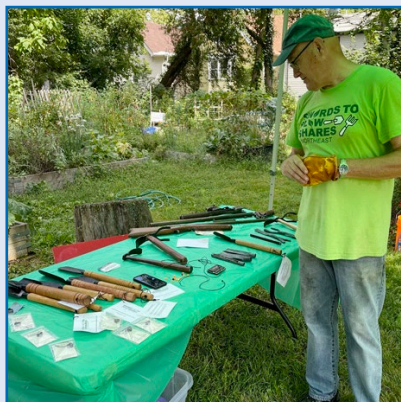
## Gardening Tools

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incentives. The gardens then provide vegetables that are donated to soup kitchens and homeless shelters. Learn more at [www.s2pnortheast.org](http://www.s2pnortheast.org) •



## To Do List: April



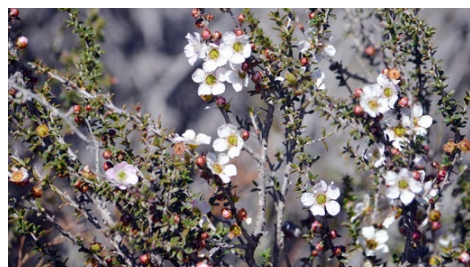
We have a wide variety of fertilizer



Use Gro-Power for vegetables

### Fertilize

Feed Lawns, Palms & More. Use Marathon Fertilizer for tall fescue, and Bonide DuraTurf to feed grass and control broad-leaf weeds. Feed ornamentals with Gro-Power or Gro-Power Plus. Feed vegetables with Gro-Power Tomato and Vegetable Food or Dr. Earth Organic Tomato and Vegetable Food. Feed citrus, avocado, and fruit trees with Gro-Power Citrus and Avocado Food. Feed palms and tropicals with Gro-Power Palm Tree and Tropical Food.



Look for shrubs like *Leptospermum* (Tea Tree)

### Look For:

- > Flowering deciduous trees & shrubs
- > Blooming roses & bulbs
- > Ceanothus
- > Tropicals

### Plant

- > Warm-season bedding plants
- > Dahlias, annuals, and perennials
- > Warm-season vegetables and vegetable seeds
- > Tomatoes, tomatoes, tomatoes!
- > Specialty hot peppers are here

### Pest Control

For edibles & ornamentals, keep insects under control by hitting them early. On edibles, use Bonide Neem or Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew. For ornamentals, use a systemic control like Bayer 3-in-1 Insect Disease and Mite Spray. •



Plant Dahlias in April

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### Citrus Pest Reminder:

**Please Don't Bring Any Citrus To Our Stores.** Due to Huanglongbing (HLB), all citrus sales are now final. We WILL NOT accept citrus returns. HLB, or citrus greening disease, is a bacterial disease for which there is no cure. Unfortunately for the time being, we ask you not to bring any part of a citrus tree or fruit to our stores in an attempt to diagnose any perceived maladies or identify a variety. Instead, please take many photos of the problem as well as overall pictures of the tree, and from that, we will do our best to assist you.



## April Special

Valid April 1-30, 2023



Passing savings on to you!

**Ironite Fertilizer  
2# Bag  
Sale \$2.00**

\$11.99 Regular Price!

Limited quantities in both stores while supplies last. No rain checks. No special orders. No coupon needed. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Hedge Fund\$ may be redeemed.

## Garden Classes: April

Saturday classes are **FREE** and last about an hour. Complimentary coffee is served. During inclement weather, classes are held indoors in San Diego and on the covered, heated patio in Poway. Topics are subject to change. See the full schedule at <https://www.walterandersen.com/classes-events/>.

### SAN DIEGO STARTS AT 9:00AM

4/1

Houseplants  
with Ted

4/8

No Class (Easter Weekend)

4/15

Spring Gardening  
with Constanze

4/23

(SUNDAY)

Felco Maintenance  
with Jennifer Thomson

4/29

Bonsai Basics  
with Richard

### POWAY STARTS AT 9:30AM

4/1

Collecting, Cleaning, Storing,  
& Starting Native Plant Seeds  
with Renee Murphy

4/8

No Class (Easter Weekend)

4/15

Botany For Gardeners  
with Chuck McClung

4/22

Felco Tools: Cleaning & Repair  
Workshop w/Jennifer Thomson  
(free, limited to 25 people,  
RSVP required 858-513-4900)

4/29

Fertilizer Basics  
with Richard Wright



**Both stores will  
be closed April 9th  
for Easter**



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