



KATO'S MAY MAINTENANCE TIPS

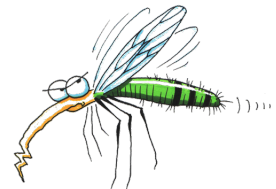
Continue planting trees, shrubs, vines, groundcover and perennials! Follow 1st year guide for supplemental watering as sprinklers do not provide adequate water the 1st year or so. Root stimulate every 2 weeks.



Trick for petunias! Cut your petunias in 1/2 around Mother's Day. Really! If they are 10", cut them back to 5". This will encourage new growth and root development to last through summer. It kills 'ya to cut off blooms, but helps the plant.

- Continue to fertilize monthly: Annuals, herbs, vegetables, tropicals and roses are heavy feeders.
- Be vigilant for pests! Look out for chew holes or droppings
- Prune Spring flowering shrubs, vines and climbing roses after blooming. The best time to prune most plants is after blooming.
- Add compost to new planting beds if you haven't already done so. Top dress 1/2" of organic compost over depleted areas in lawn. If your soil is hard as a rock, or you can't stick your finger into it, you are a candidate for top dressing.
- Plant caladium bulbs in the ground. Tuck them between existing caladium plants to extend color.

Call me if you need an organic mosquito control program!
There is no "magic bullet",
over-lapping several products is the best defense.



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