



# SPRING Checklist

- ✓ Plan your summer vegetable and herb garden. Plan your annuals beds. Plan your containers and hanging baskets.
- ✓ Start your seeds. We offer a wide selection of seeds that include all of your favorite annuals, perennials, vegetables, and many hard-to-find selections as well. Inventory your pots and flats and discard unusable ones.
- ✓ Make a list of the supplies you will need for the growing season ahead.
- ✓ Remove winter weeds and debris from the planting beds.
- ✓ Have your garden soil tested for nutrient content. We carry affordable soil kits in our Garden Center, and the UNH Cooperative Extension provides soil testing and other services if that suits your needs.
- ✓ Prune woody plants while dormant. Limit pruning of spring-blooming trees and shrubs to the removal of sucker growth and rubbing or broken branches. Spray trees and shrubs with year-round horticultural oil to reduce insect population.
- ✓ Sharpen, clean, and oil tools and lawn mowers. Begin heavy annual pruning of shrub roses as new leaves appear.
- ✓ Cut back ornamental grasses if you haven't already.
- ✓ Divide or thin any crowded perennials. Share with friends!
- ✓ Plant pansies, English daisies, and primrose as soon as the earth is workable. Plant strawberry plants. Sow cool-season vegetables and herbs in the garden.
- ✓ Begin major lawn work: Remove debris, de-thatch your lawn or aerate compacted areas to improve water penetration. Reseed bare spots in established lawns.
- ✓ Apply fertilizer to perennials, trees and shrubs.
- ✓ Prune forsythia and other spring-flowering trees and shrubs after the flowers fall.
- ✓ Plant and transplant trees and shrubs, including roses, ground covers, and perennials.