

Top Ten List – May

1. **Fertilize, Fertilize, Fertilize!** Consider adding an injector system to your drip system- it's simple, easy, and very cost effective. Most, trees, shrubs, and flowers like a more acidic food here in Northern Nevada. If your plant material is on a drip system, apply **Jobe's Organic Fertilizer Spikes** at the area of emitters, **Master Nursery Multi-Purpose Fertilizer 16-16-16** is also a good alternative. For a more organic approach to fertilizing, consider **Bumper Crop Fertilizers** or **Sustane** products.
2. Spraying Austrian pine trees with fungicides, such as **Infuse** and **Phyton27**, will stop the spread of disease. Begin spraying when the needle tips are elongating and continue to spray once a week for 3 to 4 weeks.
3. Frost happens! Protect your plants with **cloth** draped over your plants all the way to the ground or with a heat source.
4. Spurge can be controlled now by applying pre-emergent **Weedbeater Complete** to the lawn. This pre and post emergent product will kill existing actively growing weeds as well as kill the weed seeds without hurting the grass.
5. Keep after the codling moths to prevent those wormy apples. After apple and pear trees have experience 80% blossom drop, it is time to apply **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray** or **Captain Jacks Deadbug Brew** once a week for 3 weeks.
6. **Aphids** begin appearing on the snowball bushes, dogwood, spirea, birch, plum, peach, cherry trees, and really everything from ash trees to roses. Effective treatment includes any one of the following, or in several combinations: **Imidacloprid**, a systemic soil drench, available in formulations for edibles and non-edibles, is a once-a-year application. It does take up to 4 weeks to be systemically absorbed up into the entire plant. A contact Spray may need to be applied three times at 5–7-day intervals. **Ladybugs** or **Green Lacewings** are an organic way to control aphids if you don't wish to use chemicals.
7. Continue to shade your pond, using **Blue Pond Shade** for algae control. **Microbe-lift** and **Barley Bales** also control algae. Fertilize pond plants with **Jobe's Organic Fertilizer Spikes**.
8. Petunias, alyssum, and calendulas will take some **frost**. Marigolds, salvia, vinca, impatiens, tomatoes, and peppers turn black at 32°F. **So be cautious!**
9. **Roses** arrive before **Mother's Day** allowing you to give living roses now and all summer long.
10. Plant corn, potatoes, asparagus, and summer bulbs early this month. Dust your cabbage with **Vegetable and Garden Dust**. Plant all your warm season vegetable seeds around the 15th to

avoid frost. Use **Season Starters** in order to plant your tomatoes, squash, peppers, and melon early in May without worrying about freeze damage.