

Tip of the Week



**Extension Tip of the Week (TOW)
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Garden Tips and Guidelines to Seasonal Chores**

Reiman Gardens/Iowa State University Extension publication, [Garden Tips: Guidelines to Seasonal Chores](#), RB 105, provides seasonal tips on what chores to do in the garden and when to do them. The publication outlines early spring, late spring, early summer, late summer, early fall, late fall, early winter and later winter garden and lawn chores. There are suggestions for the lawn, fruits, trees and shrubs, flowers, herbs, houseplants and vegetables.

For example, in late March and April, the publication recommends

- starting seeds of herbs, such as basil, for transplanting outdoors after danger of frost,
- Repotting houseplants, if needed, into a container one size larger
- Begin fertilizing houseplants lightly

A few of May and early June recommended garden chores include:

- Raise mower height to 3 -3 ½ inches in preparation for hot, dry summer weather
- Stake or cage tomatoes to discourage foliar diseases
- Do not remove the foliage of bulbs (such as tulip or daffodil) until it yellows or dies

For a listing of more garden chores, follow the link listed above or contact your local Extension office and ask for RB 105, [Garden Tips: Guidelines to Seasonal Chores](#).