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PROPERTIES



"Spring Clean" & nurture your garden

Clear Out Weeds

Begin weeding as soon as growth appears. Neglecting the job only leads to more work later on if the weeds are allowed to mature and disperse their seeds. Also, weeds flourish in well-prepared soil and deprive the plants of both nutrients and moisture. When weeding, keep a basket nearby, and drop weeds into it as you remove them. If left on moist soil, many of them will re-root. Add the weeds to your compost pile. Once the ground has been cleared of weeds, a mulch can be applied to deter further growth. Another benefit of mulch is that it conserves soil moisture during dry spells.

To remove weeds with a standard hoe, cut them off with a chopping motion, drawing the hoe toward you, and taking care not to injure any of the desirable plants. The flat side of a Warren hoe is used the same way; the two-pronged side is used for larger weeds.

Loosen the Soil in Beds

At the start of the growing season, and again in late autumn, the soil in established beds should be loosened. This is particularly important on heavy or unmulched soil that has become compacted. Loosening allows air and moisture to penetrate to the roots of the plants and at the same time eliminates any weed seedlings. A fork can be used, but a long-handled, tined cultivator is ideal.

Feed and Water Your Plants

The health of plants can be maintained or improved, and their growth encouraged, by the application of a complete fertilizer containing the three most important plant nutrients -- nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash -- in varying proportions.

Organic or slow-release fertilizers are particularly suited to perennials, since the nutrients are released slowly over the full period of growth. In early spring, just as growth becomes apparent and before mulching, apply fertilizer by hand. Avoid letting it come in contact with foliage. Alternatively, use a complete inorganic fertilizer with an analysis such as 4-12-4. Always apply fertilizer according to directions.

From late spring to early summer the plants can be fed every three or four weeks with a fast-acting liquid foliar spray.

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