

## Gardening Tips

1. **Replace flowering plants** past their prime with our many summer and fall blooming plants.
2. **Check plants** for pests. We have a variety of organic and conventional sprays, and the expertise to help you choose the best spray for your situation.
3. Hang some of our **gorgeous hanging baskets** in your entryway and patio for an instant stunning color display.
4. **Fertilize your vegetables** with *EB Stone Organics Tomato & Vegetable Food* for continued top performance.

## Enjoy Garden Fresh Herbs!

**D**o you have an herb garden? You should! Herbs are a great accompaniment to your home-grown vegetables, and make meals more interesting and delicious. Now is a great time to plant them! You can include a patch of herbs everywhere in your garden—here are some ideas.



If you have a **flower bed** or other large area, fill it up with all the herbs you love. Pink-flowering *chives*, *curly parsley*, *rosemary*, *sage*, and others are pretty and beautify any spot where you plant them.

Save a couple of rows in your **vegetable garden** for herbs. Plant lots of *cilantro* and *dill* because their harvest season is short and large quantities are needed for good flavor.

May herbs flourish in **pots**, including *thyme*, *oregano*, *savory*, and *chamomile*. **Moss baskets** or other **hanging containers** of purple and green *basil*, *rosemary*, *mint*, or other trailing plants are not only convenient for picking, but a treat for the eye with fragrance as an added bonus.

## Glorious Blues for 2008!



**I**T'S ABOUT TIME! Color authority, Pantone, declared the color "blue iris" as their 2008 *Color of the Year*. As many passionate gardeners know, blue flowers have been sought after and coveted for centuries. Why? Besides their striking beauty, blue flowers can create thoughtful, soothing, and meditative moods depending on how they are used.

For an **intensely dramatic effect**, mix cool blue with bright orange-red flowers. Create a **calming environment** by adding purple and red flowers. **Clean and refreshing combinations** include yellow or white accents amongst your blue. **Feel patriotic?** Plant a red, white, and blue garden! We'll be glad to offer recommendations.

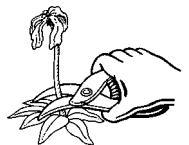
Blue flowers can be found as *ageratum*, *campanula*, *plumbago*, *calibrachoa*, *lobelia*, *statice*, *blue salvia*, *petunias*, *hydrangeas*, *blue hibiscus*, *morning glory*, *delphiniums*, *blue marguerite* (felicia), and others in stock—COME TAKE A LOOK! Consider diversifying with our blue garden containers. Finishing touches include blue furniture or plants with beautiful foliage like blue fescue. Find pleasure and a peaceful feeling in your blue garden!

## Keep Flowers Blooming Longer

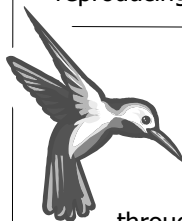
**W**ith a little extra care, many of your favorite annuals and perennials will provide you a much longer period of blooms.

A key to keep them actively growing is regular watering, and feeding them with *EB Stone Organics Rose & Flower Food*. This will also increase the size and number of your flowers.

Most plants will reward you with more flowers if you remove faded flowers and developing seeds. Pinching or cutting out old flowers tricks plants into producing more blossoms because their "mission" of reproducing has yet to be completed.



## Gardens for Hummers



**W**ho can resist the joyful acrobatics of hummingbirds? It is breathtaking to watch them zoom heavenward, swoop down, and hover to savor the nectar from flowers and feeders throughout the day.

It's easy to attract these iridescent visitors into your garden, especially if you have red, pink, and funnel-shaped flowers such as *honeysuckle*, *salvia*, *butterfly bush*, *trumpet vines*, *penstemon*, *coral bells*, and *mimulus*. Hummingbirds also favor *bougainvillea*, *sedum*, *fuchsias*, and *lantana*. It is helpful to plant the flowers in large, conspicuous clumps and to select varieties that bloom from spring through late summer.

You can also lure hummingbirds into your garden by hanging up some of our convenient *hummingbird feeders* in trees, shrubs, or eaves for a special sweet treat. Providing a source of water, such as a *bird bath*, will make your garden even more popular.

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