

“The mosquito who gets his nose wrapped in a lemongrass hose, will rue the day for down he goes!” -Lisa Mulroy



May-In Our Herb Garden:

- Start harvesting herbs, as many perennials bloom this month. If you can or bottle vegetables, find out what herbs combine well for an extra kick and more flavor.
- Plant summer everlastings (examples are globe amaranth, sweet Annie, cockscomb, salvias, tansy).
- Plant lemon grass and continue to plant basil. They become more and more available at our nurseries as the weather warms.
- Hot rainy spells are hard on herbs as they do not like humidity. Solutions are good drainage (raised beds and a good quality soil from Fertile Gardens, or Living-Earth Tech.) and mulch- Cut and collect fresh herbs early in the morning. The oils in the herbs are highest then (If your drying them for use later, hang them upside down, this will help keep the oils in the leaves). – LR
- Weed and water as necessary

-Feed twice a month with Miracid 30-10-10 at a rate of 1TBSP per gallon, or water in weekly amounts of you favorite liquid organic plant food.

- *HERBS: A Resource Guide for San Antonio* (visit the San Antonio Herb Society's web site @ <http://www.saherbs.org>)

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