MONTHLY GARDEN CALENDAR

APRIL
(Dry Time)

Try air-layering crotons

- **Maintenance/Prune**: Remove brown dead plant material
- **Plant**: Basil, dill, oregano, chives, thyme, sweet marjoram, chayote, calabaza squash, southern peas, okra, malanga, sweet potatoes.
- **Annuals**: balsam, globe amaranth, melampodium, torenia, sunflower, begonias.
- **Vegetables**: tomatoes, cantaloupes, different size watermelon, corn, pumpkin.
- **Perennials**: beebalm, blanket flower, cat’s whiskers, coreopsis, four o’clock, heliconia, shrimp plant.
- **Flowering**: stake sunflowers, marigolds, zinnias, cleomes, nicotiana (flowering tobacco)

**Bulbs/Rhizomes/Tubers**: Buy new bulbs this month;

- **Watch for**: Caterpillars, sod worms, armyworms, grasshoppers, tomato wilt, leaf spot (blight), aphids, white flies, slugs & snails on bulbs, mites, citrus leaf miners & scab, scale, treehoppers, borers, palm leaf skeletonizer

- **Lawn**: Sandy soils need no aeration. Use selective weed control if necessary

- **Vines/Ground Cover/Ornamental Grasses**: Bromeliads, Asiatic jasmine, Lily turf, ivy for shady areas

- **Shrubs**: Use insecticidal spray on gardenias for thrips before buds open

- **Water**: Water ½-¾” in early morning, before 10 a.m.-check irrigation system for coverage

- **Fertilize**: Apply monthly feeding to annuals
- **Trees/Citrus:** Remove all fruit from trees 3 yrs. or younger, leave 1-2 to sample.

- **Tropical/Temperate Fruits:** Plant lychee, guava and persimmons, use non-astringent types; they are hard as apples when ripe, not soggy to eat.