May To-Do-List for
Cameron County Yards and Gardens

Time to plant:

**Flowers:** vinca, night and day purslane, moss rose, dianthus, caladium, coleus, celosia.

**Trees:** *Natives:* anacua, Rio Grande ash, chapote, brasil, Texas ebony, cedar elm.


Note: plant only container grown plants. If buying trees with root balls wrapped in burlap, make sure the tree is green and healthy and the root ball is solid.

**Shrubs:** yucca, manzanita (barbados cherry), coral bean, Texas kidneywood, Salvia, lantana, butterfly bush (Buddleia), butterfly weed, wild petunia (ruellia), hibiscus. Note: most of these shrubs attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden.

**Vegetables:** okra, corn.

**Herbs:** cilantro, dill, thyme, malabar spinach, basil, rue, lemon grass.

**Remember:**

- When planting trees, shrubs, flowers and herbs use mulch to conserve moisture.

- Water recently planted materials once or twice a week and water deeply.

- Fertilize crepe myrtles and other plants scheduled to bloom with high phosphorous containing fertilizer i.e. 10-30-10 or Superbloom by Green light.

- Check your evergreens for bag worm and spidermite. If detected contact your Texas Certified Nursery Professional for appropriate action to control these pests.

- Check your roses for mildew and blackspot and rust. Spray with a fungicide if needed to control these diseases.

(Information source: Successful Gardening in the Magic Valley of Texas, Dist. VI, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and Native Trees- and Native Shrubs-of the lower
Rio Grande Valley, Texas Landscape Uses and Identification, Native Plant Project, PO Box 1433, Edinburg, TX)