



## **BASKET CASE GREENHOUSE**

12106 Sandridge Road  
Long Beach, WA 98631  
(360) 642-8860

### **SPRING SEASONAL TASKS**

- Clean up any perennials that show winter wear and tear. Divide your perennials and fertilize your flower beds and lawn with a fertilizer like Dr. Earth Fertilizer.
- Cut back deciduous ornamental grasses to make room for the new blades to emerge.
- Put out slug bait. We recommend pet friendly Sluggo and Sluggo Plus.
- Pull up the weeds while they are young, before they get a foot hold.
- Spread compost and mulch to help retain moisture, keep weeds down, and to help protect the roots of your plants. We stock Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost.
- Freshen up your front porch pots by tucking in early blooming annuals, perennials, and bulbs. Work in a slow release fertilizer into your containers. We recommend Gardner & Bloome Soil Amendments, Dr. Earth fertilizers, and Osmocote.
- Aerate your lawn. Provide spring fertilizer, and water regularly, as needed. Mow your lawn regularly, keeping it approximately 2-2 ½" tall for optimum health. Re-seed when night time temperatures reach a minimum of 55.
- Add Gardner & Bloome Acid Loving Soil (aluminum sulfate) to help ensure that your hydrangea blooms are the true blue you enjoy. If you prefer pink blossoms, Lime can be added to the soil.
- Support your perennials with structures, to keep them from falling over with heavy blooms.
- Dead head your annuals and perennials for a longer blooming period.
- Remove spent blooms from broad-leaved evergreen shrubs, such as rhododendrons. The plant will then put its energy into the foliage and next years' buds, rather than seed production.
- Aphids can be troublesome in the garden this time of year. Insecticidal soap or Neem Oil spray will keep them at bay.
- Get ready to purchase and house Mason Bees to pollinate your orchards and gardens.