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Activity Check List

Timely Tips

Whenever the soil is dry enough to work (now), take advantage of the opportunity to prepare new planting beds. In spring, when you'd like to plant warm-season crops, it is often too rainy to work the soil for planting.

House plants need good light and moderately moist soil. Water enough to keep the soil moist but not soggy wet. Such oversaturated conditions are deadly to the roots. Check the plants for signs of scale, mealybugs or other insect infestations. These plants can build up fast, so prompt identification and treatment are important. Sometimes the plant can be taken outside on a mild day and sprayed with insecticidal soap. When this is not adequate, a systemic insecticide can often be put in the soil for the plant to take up into its "plumbing" where it will kill the insects feeding on its sap.



Advice on growing, feeding and propagating plants, plus information on pests and diseases.

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