



## **1. When in doubt, wait to pull it out.**

*new growth could be a native plant*

## **2. Cut old dried stems.**

## **3. Use dried twigs and leaves as mulch.**

*birds like it!*

## **4. Check the soil moisture.**

*if the soil feels dry, then it's time to water*

### ***container gardens***

- ☑ Use fresh potting soil and a clean container for new plants.
- ☑ Use a container that is deeper than the rooting depth of the plant.
- ☑ Leave a small space between the top of the soil and the rim of the pot. ½ inch for small containers and up to 2 inches for large containers.
- ☑ Use a container with plentiful drainage.
- ☑ Smaller containers and clay pots need water more often.
- ☑ On the roof, consider setting up a wind-break, such as a lattice, that won't cast shade.

### ***plants in the ground***

- ☑ Prune summer and fall-blooming woody plants, as needed.
- ☑ When ground has thawed, plant trees, shrubs, and perennials.
- ☑ Re-plant trees, shrubs, and perennials, that have "heaved" out of the ground.
- ☑ Mulch with leaf litter, twigs, and dead perennial stems.
- ☑ Check soil moisture 1-2" down. If the soil feels dry, then it's time to water.
- ☑ Apply compost, compost tea or other slow-release organic fertilizers as needed.

***happy spring!***

# *how to Nurture Your Garden in summer*

*bird-friendly*

 Audubon

## **1. Get to know plant names.**

*keep a running list of plants in your garden*

## **2. Prevent weeds from outcompeting natives.**

*pull them by the root or clip them at the crown to avoid disturbing the soil*

## **3. Install a rain barrel!**

### ***container gardens***

- ☑ Move pots to shade when it's hot.
- ☑ Smaller containers and clay pots need water more often.
- ☑ Drip irrigation kits are great for containers. Avoid standing water to prevent mosquito outbreaks!
- ☑ On the roof, set up a wind-break, such as a lattice, that won't cast shade.

### ***plants in the ground***

- ☑ Dead-head, prune, and transplant as needed.
- ☑ If a plant wilts in the daytime, but recovers in the evening, watering is not necessary.
- ☑ Apply compost, compost tea, or other slow-release organic fertilizers as needed.

***happy summer!***