

Myths, Lies and All The Latest Dirt

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True or False?

- Ants help peonies to open.
- Daffodils need to be deadheaded so that making the seeds doesn't deplete the bulb. And cut the stems down because they are ugly.
- Rhododendrons need to be deadheaded for better blooming.
- Deadhead roses by cutting down to the first set of five leaves – this makes them bloom better.
- Plant Clematis with their "heads in the sun, feet in the shade."
- Squash, cucumbers and pumpkins should be planted on raised mounds of soil.
- Marigolds keep bugs out of the vegetable garden.
- We must remove the "suckers" on tomato plants.
- Trees need "deep root" feeding.
- We have to coat or seal cut limbs.
- Oak leaves, pine needles, and coffee grounds make soil acidic.
- We have to keep fertilizing our gardens every year.
- All non-blooming plants should be given fertilizer.
- Give annuals a fertilizer with a really high middle number to encourage flowers.
- Moss in your lawn means you need to lime.
- Daffodils poison tulips in the vase.
- When transplanting a shrub or tree you should cut it back substantially first.
- We should mist houseplants or set the pots on trays of rocks to increase humidity around plants in winter.
- When potting up houseplants and annuals, add a layer of rocks or clay pot-shards to the bottom of the pot "for drainage."
- Once you reach a certain level of experience you don't make mistakes.
- There is one right way to plant a garden.

All of these are myths, lies or partial truths.

What is always true is that we should go into our gardens and landscapes with open eyes, open minds and open hearts, remembering to first do no harm.

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