



APRIL

garden tasks in zone 9b

- deadhead roses as needed; watch for aphids- spray off with a firm blast of water
- thin stonefruit trees and begin deep soakings to keep them well watered
- fertilize citrus trees, deeply soak, and apply iron if needed
- plant peppers, tomatoes, eggplants when soil warms
- direct sow cucumbers, zucchini, green beans, melons
- tie grapevine and passionfruit vines in as they grow
- add supports for fruit trees, especially peaches
- add a layer of compost before planting new vegetables
- keep on top of weeds by removing them as often as possible, before they set seed
- plant basil starts
- add support for tomato plants- I use the Florida Weave method
- refresh planters with summer-hardy annuals and top off compost