

Plant Resources

April Lawn & Garden Calendar

Lawns	
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Now is a great time to patch and repair your lawn. Try using an easy-to-use repair kit that has seed in mulch.• Start mowing as soon as you need to. Try keeping the grass at least 2.5" tall, but preferably 3 – 3.5" tall.• Apply a crabgrass pre-emergent in mid to late May.• Rake out dead grass
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water new sod and repaired areas well. There is no need to fertilize yet.

Shrubs	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April is a great time to plant shrubs. Finish transplanting shrubs before new growth appears.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water new and transplanted shrubs thoroughly.• Established plants will not need much water in spring.
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prune summer and fall blooming shrubs before new growth appears.• Prune pines to control size now by cutting $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the expanding candles.• Arborvitae and yews can be pruned now, before new growth appears.

Trees	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can begin planting as soon as the ground is workable.
Spring Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove all winter protection from trees.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before growth begins on trees is a good time to fertilize. Use fertilizer spikes specifically for trees or use actual nitrogen. Read labels to determine how much to apply. Fertilizer can be spread over mulch, just be sure to rake and water it in.
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prune oak, honeylocust, birch, and maples before buds open. This may need to be done in March. Now is the time to prune evergreens if you need to cut a lot off.

Perennials, Ornamental Grasses, & Groundcovers	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can plant perennials when the ground will allow it, usually in late April.
Spring Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean out existing perennial beds as early as you can. You will want to cut ornamental grasses to the ground before new growth appears. Remove dead foliage and stems of all perennials. Cut Russian sage to several inches above the soil. Apply pre-emergent weed killer. This is important in all your beds, but especially your perennials beds.

Fruits	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can plant most potted trees and fruits as soon as the soil is easy to work with. The exception is blueberry, which should be planted in May.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin scap control on apples and pears. Spray susceptible plants as buds begin to swell and repeat every 7 to 14 days until dry weather returns.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fertilize fruits before growth occurs.
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish pruning while the plants are dormant. Ideally, pruning should be done late February through March.

Roses

Spring Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove winter protection
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In late April, you can start to plant
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prune out dead and winter-damaged canes.

Bulbs

Spring Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan where you want bulbs in your garden for both fall and spring.
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Annuals

Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plant hardy annuals such as dusty miller and pansies.
Spring Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan your garden.• Prepare your annual beds by clearing out last year's plants, leaves and mulch.

Herbs & Vegetables

Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In mid-April, it is safe to plant asparagus and rhubarb.
Spring Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare your vegetable garden by removing last year's debris and adding amendments and fertilizer.

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