

Lawn & Garden APRIL To Do List



TREES AND SHRUBS

- Plant bare-root, balled-and-burlapped, and container-grown trees and shrubs; plant roses just as buds swell.
- Prune trees and nonflowering shrubs; apply dormant spray. growth starts.

LAWNS

- Lightly fertilize cool-season lawn grasses such as fescue and bluegrass.
- Begin post-emergent weed control; apply pre-emergent herbicide or corn gluten to prevent weeds.
- Top-dress lawns and patch bare spots; resume warm-weather watering schedule once grass begins growing.

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MAINTAIN

- Start feeding pond fish when water temperatures are above 50° F.
- Postpone garden work if soil is soggy.
- Apply mulch — consider adding an organic weed preventer, such as corn gluten, first.
- Test soil to determine which amendments are needed.
- Spread and incorporate winter compost and start a spring compost pile.

ANNUALS, PERENNIALS AND BULBS

- Cut back dead foliage on perennials and ornamental grasses; gradually remove winter mulch from perennials as they grow.
- Fertilize spring-blooming bulbs (such as daffodils and hyacinths) after blooming.
- Give tender bulbs a head start by potting indoors.

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