

APRIL Landscaping Checklist



Flowers

- Begin planting and dividing most perennials except bearded iris and peony.
- Plant pansies and hardy annuals.
- Finish pulling back mulch from around perennials and roses.
- Prune summer and fall blooming clematis.
- Spray emerging peonies with fungicide if diseases such as botrytis have been a problem in the past.
- Plant bare root plants before they leaf out. Fertilize container plantings.



Lawn

- Mow lawn to 2 inches removing no more than 1/3 of leaf blade at any one mowing.
- Establish or renovate turf by seed or sod.
- Use postemergence herbicides for actively growing broadleaf weeds as necessary. Consider spot treatment rather than complete lawn application.
- Reduce thatch if more than .5 inch by using core aerifiers or vertical mowers.
- Core aerifiers may be used to reduce soil compaction and poor soil drainage.



Trees/Shrubs

- Continue planting trees and shrubs.
 - Prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia soon after bloom. Use renewal pruning by removing oldest stems at soil level. Spring flowering shrubs bloom on old wood before mid-June.
- Examine trees and shrubs for winter injury. Prune out and remove all dead and diseased wood.
- Fertilize if not done in fall and if soil test or reduced growth indicates need.
- Begin fungicide treatments for apple scab on crabapples if it has been a problem in the past. Consider replacing trees with disease resistant cultivars.