

April Garden Calendar

FERTIZLING

- Fertilize azaleas after they bloom
- Fertilize annuals, shrubs, and trees that were not fertilized in the fall

PLANTING

- Plant summer bulbs
- After last frost, plant herbs and warm-season vegetables.
- Replace cool-season annuals, such as pansies with summer annuals.
- Plant perennial seeds, such as hollyhock, coreopsis, daisy, phlox and Sweet William.
- Plant small fruit plants, such as strawberry, blueberry and blackberry.

PRUNING

- Cut back butterfly bushes to approximately 30"
- Cut back ornamental grasses close to the ground
- Prune azaleas after they bloom
- Pinch chrysanthemums to promote later bloom

SPRAYING

- Check azaleas, rhododendron and pyrachanta for lace bugs. Treat with an insecticide if necessary.
- Spray roses before buds open.
- Begin spraying to control poison ivy, honeysuckle and kudzu with a recommended herbicide.

LAWN CARE

- Start mowing tall fescue to three inches
- Fertilize warm-season grasses
- Do not fertilize cool-season grasses, such as tall fescue, Kentucky blue grass and fine fescue now.
- Mow your warm-season grasses at the correct height. Bermuda and zoysia at 1 inch, Centipede at 1.5-2 inches, and St. Augustine at 2-3 inches.

PROPAGATION

- Divide perennials such as daylilies and hostas
- Specific Chores
- Re-mulch beds
- Clean out water gardens

*Plan a stroll through the
Nash County Arboretum located at
1006 Eastern Avenue in Nashville.*

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