

Caring For Your Landscape: After Care - Spring

For Your Lawn

- Lime and fertilize lawn and apply pre-emergent control to prevent crabgrass.
- Re-seed areas of winter-killed lawn.
- Apply grub control if there is evidence of moles and other rooting rodents in your lawn.

For Your Vegetable Garden

- Plant peppers, tomatoes, and other warm-weather crops after all danger of frost has passed.
- Top-dress beds with aged manure.

For Your Flower Beds

- Prune hybrid tea and floribunda roses.
- Feed tulip beds with 5-10-5 fertilizer.
- Clean water gardens before growth begins. Plant new hardy water lilies.
- Plant hardy annual and perennial flowering plants, such as pansies. Tender annuals can be planted when danger of frost has passed.
- Begin feeding your roses.
- Fertilize new beds & side-dress established perennials with all-purpose fertilizer.
- Time to transplant most of your perennials.
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs, such as dahlias, gladiolus, and lilies, if danger of frost has passed.
- Plant your window boxes and container gardens.
- Inspect your irises for borers. Telltale signs include veining or holes on the underside of fans.

For Your Trees and Shrubs

- Fertilize trees and shrubs. Remember to feed acid-loving plants, such as broadleaf evergreens.
- Apply dormant oil spray to trees and shrubs if you have not done so already. Do not apply if plants are not dormant or if freezing temperatures are expected.
- Replace any dead or winter-damaged trees or shrubs.
- Check shrubs for scale. Treat if necessary.
- Check birch trees for signs of leaf borers. Look for discoloration and veining in the leaves.
- Prune flowering shrubs after they have flowered and before next year's buds have set.



Spring Bloomers



Azaleas



Crabapple Trees



Cornus florida - Dogwood



Syringa vulgaris - Lilac

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