

Monthly Garden Tips

April Garden Tips

- Now is the time to plant Asparagus, Potatoes, Rhubarb. See ([How to plant Asparagus, Potatoes, Rhubarb](#))
- Fertilize established asparagus and rhubarb plants with nitrate of soda.
- Cut down ornamental grasses to 6-10 inches above the soil line. See ([Basic Perennial Garden Care](#))
- Give Mulch beds a new look with 1 inch of fresh mulch.
- Pre-emergent Weed Control should be done in beds with the fresh mulch. Be careful around Perennials and where you've planned to put Annuals as Preen and similar products will stunt their growth.
- This is the best time to repair any plow or snow removal damage done to your lawn or shrubs.
- Now is the time to plan for fertilizing. See ([Fertilizing Your Lawn](#))
- Lawns will begin to be mowed at no less than. 3 inches.
- Do any lawn de-thatching before mowing starts.
- Crabgrass preventer can be applied to the lawns any time after the 15th up to the second week of May.
- Apple scab is a common problem on Crabapples and Apple trees. Spray with a fungicides See ([Fruit Tree Care](#)) to control apple scab, you will need to make 4 applications at ten-day intervals starting at bud break.
- Cut out all winter damage on Evergreens.
- Remove any Tree wrap.
- As soon as the ground is no longer frozen or waterlogged you can apply your yearly application of Bonide Annual Tree and Shrub. See ([Insect Control with Systemic](#)) This internal protection is a good defense against many insect problems. (reapply in the fall and every fall thereafter)
- Dead branches on Spruce are often caused by cytospora canker. Remove infected branches and disinfect tools. Mulch under the tree and water during dry periods. See ([Common Insect and Disease of Tree and Shrubs](#))