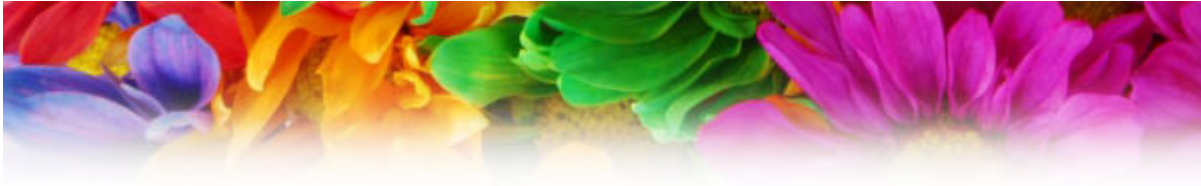




Spring Greetings!



APRIL TIPS OF THE MONTH

CRAB GRASS
SHRUB FERTILIZER
NEW PLANT MATERIAL



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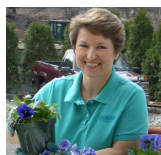
Pre-emergent crab grass control should be applied as soon as the forsythia blooms. This was such a problem last year in the turf, that this year we are recommending two applications. The second one should be accomplished roughly 45 days after the first application. *The key here is timing. If you miss the window of opportunity, the crabgrass will germinate, and infiltrate your lawn during the hot months of summer.*

SHRUBS-

Now is also a good time to fertilize your shrubs. Please research your plants to know if they require an alkaline or acidic fertilizer. For example, azaleas, rhododendrons, evergreen trees and mountain laurel like an acidic soil. This information can usually be found on the packaging of your fertilizer source at your garden center. Soil nutrition is essential for any plant to thrive in the landscape and needs to be replenished each year.

INSTALLING NEW PLANT MATERIAL-

Spring is the ideal time to plant additional shrubs, trees and perennials to your landscape. This is usually accomplished between April through June, preferably before the dog days of summer hits. A well designed plan will help in the installation process. Soil preparation is the key to any successful planting bed. Keep in mind good drainage and amending the soil, by adding nutrients. Water is the next task that should not be overlooked. Make sure your plants do not get too much or too little water.



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