

Spring To Do List

- **Prune** ~ In early spring prune out any old wood or damaged limbs on your roses and fruit trees. Do not prune spring blooming forsythia, azaleas, lilacs, etc.
 - **Spray Animal Deterrents** ~ Early, before they damage spring buds and repeat applications as recommended on the manufacturers instructions to keep them at bay.
 - **Clean-up** ~ Remove leaves and branches, cut back any remaining perennials, and as weather and soil temperatures rise, remove mounded soil or cages from your roses.
 - **Till your Garden** ~ Several times before planting to aerate the soil. Don't forget to add compost, lime, humate, gypsum and fertilizer.
 - **Bone Meal** ~ Applied in spring and fall to all, blooming plants, bulbs, perennial beds, shrubs, flowering and fruit trees.
- Soil Activator (Humate)** ~ Apply in spring and fall two years in a row for maximum results to all plants, lawns and gardens.
- Tree Trunk Protection** ~ Snap on plastic tree wrap for all trees up to about 3"-4" diameter. We stock two sizes. Damage to trunks causes more failure in trees than insects, disease or damage by weed whips, hoses or lawn mower wheels.
- Peat Moss** ~ Add to any/all beds you are working up. Scratch into surface of old beds.
- Shredded Bark** ~ The most important step you can do for trees and yard shrubs besides watering is mulching with good shredded bark (not chunks). Mulching helps your plants by slowing evaporation and retaining ground moisture.
- Aluminum Sulphate** ~ Apply to acid loving plants like blueberries, azaleas, rhododendrons and blue hydrangeas.
- Tree and Shrub Food (Fertiloam dry)** ~ Apply to all trees and shrubs, in spring and fall.
- Wilt Proof** ~ Apply to tender shrubs and evergreens or those that have previously "browned out" during the winter. Helps prevent water loss, desiccation and winter kill.
- **Bayer Insecticide** ~ Apply to all trees and shrubs (especially larger ones) that have had insect problems. Mix with water, pour around tree trunk. This product lasts a full year!
 - **Bayer All in One for Roses** ~ A new multi purpose product insecticide, fungicide and fertilizer all in one product. Reapply every six weeks.
- Root Stimulator** ~ Great to use on new and weak plants. Let that Vitamin B do its work.
- Bulb Food** ~ Apply to all bulbs, new and existing plantings.
- Lime** ~ Apply to gardens, flower beds and lawns to raise pH. Do not use on acid loving plants. Use to turn blue hydrangeas to pink.
- **Gypsum** ~ Apply to gardens, flower beds, shrubs and lawns. Great source of calcium and sulfur; breaks up clay soils and helps neutralize dog urine damage.
 - **Nitrate of Soda** ~ Apply it to your hosta beds. It is high in nitrogen and will help to produce healthy green growth.
 - **Triple Superphosphate** ~ Applied to your daylilies will help to produce more abundant and larger blooms.