



Timely Tips April

Roses

1. Prune roses. Get rid of any dead or diseased canes; be sure to keep your pruners clean from plant to plant to help guard against spreading disease. Cut back remaining canes to green wood, keep in mind that severe pruning will result in a healthier plant.
2. Fertilize roses with *Espoma Rose-Tone* once new growth is at least 2" long.

Ornamentals & Lawn

1. *Green View Weed and Feed* may be applied.
2. Over seeding may be done in your yard if you have not used an herbicide in the last 2 months (check the label on the bag as some herbicides last up to 6 months in the soil).
3. Plant your Easter lilies in the yard after blooms have faded.
4. Crape myrtle and butterfly bush may be pruned back once new growth has started – these plants leaf out after warm weather, so this might not be done until May.
5. Prune boxwood anytime after the middle of the month.
6. Divide spring blooming perennials directly after flowering.
7. Plant, plant, plant – start planting warm season annuals as early as the middle of the month.

Fruits and Veggies

1. Begin to harden off seedlings started indoors earlier in the year.
2. Remove developing flower stalks from rhubarb plants.

Birds & Wildlife

1. Start hanging your hummingbird feeders outside.
2. Spray *Liquid Fence* on tulips and other tasty new plants in your yard to protect from deer damage.
3. Remove tree wrap that might have been protecting trees from deer damage.