

# APRIL 2021 GARDENING TIPS

It's Spring!!! We are so excited we wet our plants!!!

Annuals, Perennials - Color, Color, everywhere you look! Happy Spring!! Many cold Hardy plants can still be planted in the ground. Annuals include, but are not limited to; Pansies, alyssum, snap dragon, dianthus, dusty miller, mixed containers, etc. Perennials include, but are not limited to; lettuces, spinach, kale, broccoli, onions, etc. Sow root vegetables, like beets and carrots directly into the soil now. Divide tender perennials now like asters. Great time to plant lily of the valley and day lily. Be sure to have applied weed preventer in your beds before you top dress with mulch. Do not use weed preventer where seeds have been planted.

Bulbs - Summer flowering bulbs can be planted now including, but not limited to; dahlia, gladiola, begonia, lily, etc. When your early

spring bulbs finish blooming, do not cut the foliage back. Allow the foliage to die back naturally, so the nitrogen recedes into the bulb itself. Use Espoma Bulb Tone for your spring fertilization.

**Houseplants** - By now, your houseplants should have been cleaned/trimmed up, fertilized and repotted as needed. I think this is Chris's favorite month. IT'S TROPICAL TIME!!! Our first shipment of eye-catching, jaw-dropping tropicals will be arriving mid month!!

**Lawns** - We carry lawn fertilizer, weed pre-emergent, grass seed and top soil to get your lawn going again. Remember, crabgrass pre-emergent should be applied before the forsythia blooms drop. Come in and speak to our friendly, knowledgeable sales staff for all your lawn care needs. Or, simply call RSC landscaping and have us take care of it for you!

**Trees, Shrubs** - Trees and shrubs should receive a nice dose of either Espoma Plant Tone or

Holly Tone, depending on the variety. Prune early flowering shrubs that have completed their flowering cycle. Do not prune any spring flowering trees or shrubs that are still in bud. Do trim back your roses and thin out canes! When planting anything new, be sure to soil amendment and Espoma Biotone. Add new mulch to beds to only a 2” depth. Do not mound mulch up around tree trunks. This is a great time to get a jump on those pesky insects and diseases by applying Neem or Horticultural Oil. Make sure it is not windy and temperatures are above 50 degrees F for at least 3-4 days consecutively. Besides the beautiful specimens we already have here on the farm.....did someone say ‘TRACTOR TRAILER’? We have been very busy stocking the yard with some gorgeous trees and shrubs for your yard beautification. New and exciting varieties have arrived. Come on out! Can’t wait to see you!!

Get outside and enjoy!! Maria

