



April Horticulture Tips

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- If you have not already done so, April is a good time to fertilize your cool season turfgrasses like tall fescue.
- Delay fertilizing warm season turfgrasses such as Bermuda, zoysia, or buffalo until late April or early May.
- For apple growers, monitor cedar apple rust on neighboring cedar trees. If you see a significant number of cedar-apple galls (a large orange growth that resembles a Christmas ornament), be prepared to spray your apple trees with an appropriate fungicide.
- Insects begin showing up in April. Remember that the majority of insects in the landscape are not harmful to plants or people. Monitor your garden and landscape regularly, as insect problems are much easier to address when they are caught early. See OSU publication *E-1023 Conserving Beneficial Arthropods in Residential Landscapes* for an enlightening look at helpful gardening insects.
- Delay planting tender annuals and warm season vegetable crops until danger of frost has passed. Normally, this means about mid-April.
- Continue to keep a close eye on newly planted material for irrigation needs. Our spring winds can do a lot of damage to a drought stressed plant in a short period of a time.
- Mulching is an important water and weed management tool in our region.
- The best window of opportunity for applying herbicides to control broadleaf weeds like henbit and chickweed is just about over. Treatment effectiveness is reduced as these weeds mature and complete their life cycle. Also, the products used to control these weeds can be a real problem for tender garden plants and should not be applied on windy days. 2,4-D kills broadleaf weeds but not most grasses by causing the cells in the tissues that carry water and nutrients to divide and grow without stopping. Herbicides that act this way are called auxin-type herbicides. Tomatoes are especially susceptible to 2,4-D.

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April 1st-13th, 2024

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- ▶ Cat Food
- ▶ Towels
- ▶ Puppy Pads
- ▶ Collars and Leashes
- ▶ Animal Beds
- ▶ Toys
- ▶ Cleaning Supplies
- ▶ Newspaper

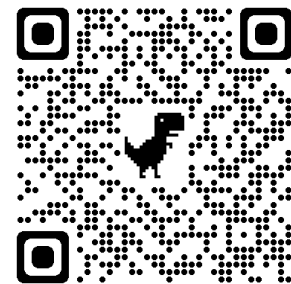
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