



in the
Garden

APRIL
EDITION

GARDENING

- Amend soil when planting trees, shrubs and other new plants. Mix 1/3 Cow Manure, 1/3 Soil Conditioner and 1/3 of the existing soil and REMEMBER the Espoma Bio-tone starter plus fertilizer. Check out our online resources with recommendations for planting and watering.
- Prune evergreens, removing all dead, diseased and undesirable wood. Fertilize evergreen plants with Holly-tone!
- Prune Forsythia and any blooming shrubs AFTER blooms expire.
- Refresh perennial beds by adding Ferti-Lome Bedding Plant Food or Flower Tone.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs using Holly-tone, Plant-tone or Ferti-Lome Start & Grow, for plants that really need a boost.
- Protect hybrid tea roses with a systemic fungicide and insecticide. Promote new growth by fertilizing.
- Divide Daylily, Iris, Mum, Daisy and Phlox plants.
- Refresh containers and pots with sun-tolerant flowering annuals like calibrachoa, petunias, portulaca, verbena and zinnia.
- Plant tropical ferns, leafy caladium, colorful coleus, flowering impatiens and begonias in part-shade.
- Deadhead spring bulbs but, do NOT cut the green foliage. Let it die naturally.

LAWN CARE

- Fescue Lawns: Apply a product for weed prevention and fertilize for spring green. Plan to control grubs and other lawn bugs with Bug Blaster Plus.
- Consider thatching your grass and over seeding.
- Sharpen your lawn mower blades.

HOUSE PLANTS

- Clean off houseplants with soapy water, check for insects and re-pot if necessary. We carry houseplant-specific soils, fertilizers and pesticides in the greenhouse.
- Acclimate houseplants and “harden off” tender plants before moving them outdoors full time. Plants used to over-wintering and/or starting inside need a gradual adjustment to living outside this spring and summer.