

April

TIPS FOR YOUR GARDEN

Fantastic tulips, snowy white pear trees and exquisite quince! Spring has arrived in a grand way. Here are a few thoughts on keeping your landscape beautiful in April.

- Service your lawn mower before you need it (replace the blades, change the oil, etc.).
- It's not too late for pre-emergent to be applied to turf. You can still head off crabgrass and dandelions at the pass!
- Tree planting needs to be coming to a close, as new foliage is forming and the stress of transplant and wind burn are factors in the health of a tree. After late April, it is best to wait until the fall to plant trees.
- Resist planting your spring annuals until mid-April, as there is usually a chance of freeze until April 22.
- Seriously consider applying a pre-emergent in your flower beds. By the second year it will save your knees a lot of bending!
- Re-mulch those beds to minimize weed germination, retain moisture and make your beds look snazzy.
- The last fertilization for the spring for fescue should be made in April, and the first for Bermuda grass in May.
- After they have bloomed, roll and rubber-band the green stalks of your bulbs or let them self detach. Cutting off the remaining green stalks robs the bulbs of vital nutrients needed for next year's show.