

MARCH 2022

TIMELY GARDENING TIPS

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

- Harden off warm weather transplants you've been growing inside.
- Direct seed warm weather transplants in the garden once danger of frost has passed (generally by March 18th). If you haven't already, cut perennials back to 3" above the ground, offer fertilizer to jump start growth for spring.
- Plant new perennials this month to get roots established before the heat.

LAWNS

- Last chance for pre-emergent, you are pushing it if you apply it much later than mid month.
- Finish fertilizing with organic lawn fertilizer, synthetic fertilizing starts in April.
- Take care not to cause damage when spraying post emergents for existing weeds. Lawn is tender and just waking up from winter.

TREES & SHRUBS

- Complete all planting and transplanting this month if you can. It will be harder to get trees and shrubs established as the heat sets in.
- Prune crape myrtles mid to late March for shaping ONLY; do not top!
- Refrain from pruning oaks now to help prevent the spread of oak wilt.
- Fruit Trees: AFTER blossoms have fallen, begin alternating fungicide and pesticide for a maintenance spray program.

VEGGIES & HERBS

- Tomatoes need to get in the garden as soon as you can. Heat will shut down their production. Protect from harsh spring winds or a late errant freeze with frost cloth wrapped around cages.
- Spring veggie selections are great, buy and plant now!
- Direct seed root veggies in the garden.
- Plant both annual and perennial herbs now.